

State V.B.S. Clinic Set For Feb. 15-16

The annual State Baptist Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held at the Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson Feb. 15-16.



Miss Veach

Rev. Tom Douglas, department associate.

Those to attend will be associational Vacation Bible School teams from each association in the state.

These will include the team leader in addition to workers in eight age groups.

The conferences, including the leaders will be as follows:

Younger preschool, Miss Carolyn Madison, associate in State Baptist Sunday School Department; older preschool, Mrs. J. E. Morrow, Jr. of Vicksburg; younger children, Mrs. Herbert L. Green of Saltillo; middle children, Billy Hudgens, associate in the State Sunday School Department; older children, Mrs. Ben Kitchings of Gulfport; younger youth, Miss Betty Jo Lacy of Hattiesburg; older youth, Mrs. Marvin Prude, Birmingham, Ala.; adults, Rev. Judd R. Allen, associate in the State Sunday School Department.

To lead the conference for team

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Must Downtown Churches Die? One Says No

Is the downtown church dying? In many cities the downtown churches have closed their buildings or have sold them to commercial interests or to other denominations. In some cities the downtown church is being used as a base for social ministries. Gloomy forecasters have predicted the death of all downtown churches.

Is the downtown church dying? In some cities, yes. But in Jackson, Mississippi, this is just not so. The downtown church is still very much alive.

Unbelievable things have been taking place the First Baptist Church of Jackson. As the pastor, Rev. Larry Rohman, says, "God's arm is no shorter today than when he led the people of Israel across the Red Sea." In the hopes that the story of this church will encourage and inspire others, the exciting, almost indescribable facts are presented here.

Imagine a downtown church that can report the following: seeing 600 to 700 attend prayer meeting weekly; adding an average of seven members per Sunday and baptizing 120 within a year's time; approving a \$1,500,000 expansion program, and raising one million dollars of that goal within six months of its announcement (this over and above the regular budget); seeing a steady growth in Sunday School, so that when a new Sunday School building for adults is opened, it overflows even on the first Sunday in use; seeing a Tuesday noon businessmen's luncheon grow from 12 to almost 200; watching the worship services overflow the auditorium every Sunday morning, and comfortably fill it every Sunday night; adding folding chairs to the platform to make room for all the adults who want to sing in the choir.

All these and more have happened and are happening at First Church, Jackson. And the force behind all this growth is prayer.

Where does the story begin? First

Baptist Church of Jackson has a long and dynamic history. It seems to have reached its full maturity and strength under the warm pastoral care of Dr. W. A. Hewitt, a man of deep spiritual conviction and peerless dedication to his flock. Building upon this strong foundation, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins led the church to be

one of the strongest in the state and the Southern Baptist Convention. Few in Baptist history have achieved the prominence and revered place in the hearts and minds of Mississippi as has W. Douglas Hudgins. The newest chapter in the story of First Baptist Church seems to have had its beginning at the time that Dr.

Hudgins resigned as pastor of the church to become the executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The congregation had been under his strong, dynamic leadership for nearly a quarter of a century, and his absence was a tremendous shock to the church. It was at this time that the people engaged

in deep prayer asking for God's leadership because they felt such a deep sense of need after the loss of their under shepherd. God not only heard their prayers, but began answering them in strange and inexpressible ways.

It was difficult for the church to

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SERIES OF STEWARDSHIP-FOUNDATION MEETINGS BEING HELD

A series of Stewardship-Foundation meetings is in progress over the state. At the meeting in Natchez Jan. 28, photo at left shows two present looking at poster. At left is Rev. Richard Pass, Natchez, superintendent of missions of Adams-Union Association, with Jack Wook, layman from Port Gibson church. Center photo shows Rev. Estus Mason, pastor of First Church, Crystal

Springs, speaking. In picture at right, host pastor, Rev. Tom Dunlap, greets several present, from left: Oscar Dukes, layman from Cloverdale Church, Natchez; Rev. Carey Cox, secretary of Foundation; Rev. John Alexander, director of Stewardship Department, and Mr. Dunlap.

Sunday School Board Takes Major Action

NASHVILLE (BP) — The elected Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in its annual meeting here named key leadership personnel in the board's staff reorganization and took action leading toward the rewriting of Volume I of The Broadman Bible Commentary.

The board also heard a report that church literature circulation was not as high as expected; approved a document outlining Principles and Guidelines for the Writing and Editing of Sunday School Board Church Literature and Convention Press Materials; deleted one periodical and added another; approved a new name for the student department; approved a report on church covenants to the Southern Baptist Convention; and approved making Gloriaeta Baptist Assembly available off-season under certain conditions for religious and charitable organizations.

In taking action on the commentary, the elected board gave approval for Clifton J. Allen, general editor of the commentary, to confer with Volume I writers G. Henton Davis of London and Roy L. Honeycutt of Kansas City, Mo., and asked the two scholars "to accept the task of rewriting Volume I of the commentary, giving due consideration of the conservative viewpoint. The motion approved by the board expressed hope that the rewriting could be done this summer and fall so that the revised edition of Volume I could be published following the release of the remaining volumes of the commentary.

Five new division directors were named by the board in implementation of a vast reorganization plan to take effect Oct. 1.

The new division heads, their current positions and new titles include: Bob Boyd, secretary of the church recreation department, Assemblies

Division Director; Allen H. Cornish, pastor of Waldrop Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., Church Services and Materials Division; W. O. Thomason, assistant to the director of the Education Division, Book Store Division Director; Wayne Chastain, director of the office of management services, Management Services Division director; and James Clark, manager of the church literature department, Broadman Division director.

Group directors in the church services and materials division also were named by the board. They are James Daniel, now study and research consultant, named church program services group director; Charles Livingstone, now manager of the Sunday School department, appointed church program organizations group director; and David P. Turner, current manager of the budget and accounting staff, named central support services group director.

Morton Rose, programs design consultant of the education division, was elected as assistant to the director of Church Services and Materials Division.

During the executive secretary-treasurer's report, James L. Sullivan, board member that earnings from sales of church literature have not been as high as expected thus far this year and said the sales total was about \$500,000 less than for the first quarter.

In the report, Sullivan cited good acceptance and sales of the new study course materials as well as enthusiasm and gains for the new Vacation Bible School materials.

He attributed the lag in church literature earnings to slow sales and high inventories.

"Churches are ordering literature by average attendance figures rather

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Americans United File Suit

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CSNS) — Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed suit on January 18 in the Federal District Court of Eastern Kentucky to challenge the constitutionality of providing teachers to parochial schools at public expense.

The Americans United suit was filed to test an agreement by the Beechwood Independent School District, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, to supply two teachers to Blessed Sacrament Parochial School, a church school operated by the Roman Catholic Church.

The suit charges that the practice violates the First Amendment of the United States Constitution by involving a public body, the board of education, in the affairs of a religious institution, and by subjecting citizens to "taxation for the support of religion or religious educational institutions."

Named as defendants in the suit were members of the local board of education and Roman Catholic Bishop Richard H. Ackerman of Covington, the owner of the parochial school receiving the tax aid.

In announcing the suit, Americans United executive director, Glenn L. Archer, stated:

"The supplying of teachers to parochial schools at the taxpayer's expense is just as serious a violation of the First Amendment as supplying public funds directly to a church. 'If practices of this sort are not halted, Kentucky citizens will find themselves forced to pay for a growing number of parochial and special interest schools.

"Kentucky citizens interested in preserving public education and religious liberty insisted that we launch this suit."

Texas Baptist

School Asks For Status As 'Independent'

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP) — Trustees of the University of Corpus Christi have requested by a vote of 18-1 that the Baptist General Convention of Texas grant the school independent status with a self-perpetuating board of trustees.

The request will be funneled through the convention's Christian Education Commission and program coordinating committee of its Executive Board, which will act on the request at its regular quarterly meeting, March 9. Final action must be taken by the convention in annual session in late October in Houston.

If ownership of the financially-plagued school is relinquished, it will mark the third consecutive year that Texas Baptists have parted with a school. Baylor College of Medicine in Houston was released in 1969, and Baylor College of Dentistry was released last year.

The University of Corpus Christi stirred controversy last fall when it accepted a \$500,000 line of credit from

the Small Business Administration after being devastated by Hurricane Cecilia just 30 days before school was scheduled to begin.

The convention softened a recommendation that the school repay the federal loan or withdraw from the convention by instructing the school to repay it with money borrowed from an agency other than the government. The convention also appointed a com-

mittee to assist the school.

The trustee action, according to observers, may halt action to repay \$300,000 already received from the \$500,000 line of credit.

J. H. West of Bishop Tex., retiring board president, commenting on the request to sever relations, said, "A new course of action for the college is essential and this can best be achieved."

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ASSEMBLIES COMMITTEE HOLDS "OPEN MEETING"

Several score persons, from every section of the state, attended an "open meeting" held Jan. 26 by the Assemblies Committee appointed by the State Convention Board. About 40 persons spoke concerning the possible future course of the denomination's assembly program.

Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian, chairman, said that the committee will meet again in the near future to evaluate the results of the Jan. 26 meeting. The committee is scheduled to report to the State Convention in November.

Rethinking Seminary Aims Is Requested

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — In his inaugural address, the new academic dean of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here called for rethinking of the aims of seminaries through increasing the role of field education in the curriculum.

Elmer L. Gray, who assumed duties as academic dean in August was inaugurated in January, said current criticisms that ministers are being inadequately trained "implies that the nature of theological education is not sufficiently professional."

Gray answered the charge by saying that "the seminary" needs to re-examine what it is doing.

He proposed a wide expansion of a field education program begun at Golden Gate Seminary in September "to better orient students to the seminary, community, and to help in defining the students' role."

Gray further advocated the inclusion of field education in the semin-

ary curriculum on a part with studies for which credit is given.

The seminary should stress competence in the ministry, rather than overemphasize scholastic excellence, he said. Gray added that excellence should certainly not go unrecognized, but said an increased stress on competence is needed to qualify students for the Christian ministry.

The demands of the practical and ideal make it difficult to define the seminary's approach to education, Gray continued. On one hand education is expected to prepare persons for participation in the groups with which they are related. On the other, education hopes to "develop persons toward the fulfillment of their life capacities.

"It is something of the case of which do you want? — Good grammar or good taste? Gray suggested that the best education for the minister would be both professional and academic

and recommended that the academic approach be continued in the seminary. (Continued on page 5)

Much Concern Over State

1200 Attend Series Drug Abuse Clinics

The Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, has concluded a series of eight clinics on drug abuse with an attendance of more than 1200 people and representatives from churches in 37 counties.

The largest attendance was at Liberty, with 278 people present.

Approximately half of the attendance has been young people—121 were pastors, 14 from law enforcement and 60 from the educational field.

Accompanying Dr. J. Clark

Hensley, executive director, were two ex-drug users who related their experiences with drugs.

The clinics were a factual presentation about drug use and abuse and an analysis of the growing threat of drug abuse in Mississippi, with suggestions as to community approaches at prevention, education and enforcement.

The clinicians were alerted to possible changes in law by the current legislature.

Meanwhile, speaking before the

State Association of Chiefs of Police, Lt. Governor Charles Sullivan warned that "drug abuse is potentially the most critical problem facing Mississippi" and proposed immediate action to establish a four front attack on the problem. Specifically, Sullivan proposed:

(A) "The current statutory requirement that the judge will mandatorily sentence even a first offender to a jail or penitentiary term should be repealed so that the judge may have discretionary authority for youthful experimenters or first offenders, in-

cluding suspension of any sentence with the objective of rehabilitation or prevention."

"More severe penalties on a graduated basis should be provided," Sullivan said, "for the 'pusher' and perhaps the repeated offender."

(B) "The establishment either as a separate division under the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol or a new organization or agency charged with the enforcement of narcotic and drug abuse laws adequately funded, and with adequate, qualified, competent

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than enrollments," Sullivan said. The slow sales and changes in literature ordering habits are offshoots of the nation's "tight money" situation, Sullivan added. The board also was told the staff would work toward stabilizing the financial situation by: making studies to determine if items can be eliminated; by trying to determine if specifications (size, amount of color, etc.) can be decreased; to determine if the board is offering too many options in the same age groups; to determine if the board is producing items in special materials which are not economically feasible; determining if

some of the items should be combined; and determining whether the board should produce specialized materials, but price them high enough to bear their own costs.

It also was reported that churches having problems with literature would be identified in attempts to find ways to better meet their needs. Efforts also will be made to trim expenses and reduce inventories, the board members were told.

Sullivan indicated, he was optimistic, but said at the same time that stabilization of the board's financial picture is necessary.

The board also approved the document on principles and guidelines,

which was written by Editorial Secretary Howard P. Colson and will be distributed to writers of materials for Church literature.

In the action on periodicals, the board voted to delete Source Digest from the list of church training publications following the July-September 1971 issue and added Baptist Adults.

Baptist Adults was added because of demand for a periodical similar in content and format to the "Baptist Adults" formerly published in the Christian Training Series.

The new Baptist Adults will be added to the Convention Uniform Series beginning with the October-December

1971 issues and will provide materials divided into parts for discussion, daily Bible readings and the missionary prayer calendar. It will be recommended to those persons now using Source Digest.

The board also approved National Student Ministries as the new name for the student department of the board. In the new organization, the National Student Ministries will be supervised by the director of the Church Services and Materials Division. Charles Roselle, the current student department head remains in his position.

In the board's adopted report to the

Southern Baptist Convention on church covenants, the congregational nature of the church was noted. The report called for continued emphasis on the appropriateness of each church formulating and adopting its own covenant.

As an aid to churches desiring to formulate their own covenants, the board's church administration department is preparing for distribution at least three typical church covenants. At least one of the three will contain a statement of "abstinence from illegally dispensed drugs, pornography, and other evil products which can be bought and used" as cited in the

Denver action of the Southern Baptist Convention asking the Sunday School Board to study revision of the covenant as appearing in the Baptist Hymnal.

Further study also is slated concerning inclusion of a covenant in the Baptist Hymnal.

In other action, the board approved making Glorieta Baptist Assembly available to religious and charitable organizations during the off-season, subject to criteria set up by the board such as legal requirements and harmony of the organizations' purpose with the purpose of the assembly.

Worship Service At White House: 'His Eye Is On The Sparrow'

By John Novotney
Religious News Service Correspondent
WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—For the first time in two years—almost to the day since he began his precedent-shattering practice of having worship services in the White House—President Nixon heard a clergyman of his own Quaker background deliver the sermon.

But through the simple but very moving singing of 74-year-old Ethel Waters, whom the President described as "without question the outstanding gospel singer in the world today," there were admittedly more tear-filled eyes than has been the case during the previous two dozen or so White House services.

Many of the 300 guests — on being received, following the service, by President and Mrs. Nixon, Miss Waters and Dr. T. Eugene Coffin, minister of East Whittier Friends church, Whittier, Calif., and Mrs. Coffin — told the President they had tears in their eyes as Miss Waters sang the song she made famous — "His Eye Is on the Sparrow."

Almost from the moment she stepped to the microphone for the first of three Gospel songs, when she asked the congregation to let her know she was "at home" by responding to her greeting of "Hi!" the graying and somewhat lame grand old singer had the congregation in the palm of her hands.

There was the feeling that even the most staid member in the audience was not offended by the closing of her first song, "Partners with God," which Miss Waters wrote. It contained these words:

"So darlings, why, why must you delay? Begin right now, right now this, this very day. Be partners with Him, God. He loves you, each and every one of you sitting here — and, so do I."

Notable in this context were the words from her second selection, "Choose Now":

"... Someone will enter the pearly gates, by and by (oh yes), by and by. And taste of the pleasures that there awaits — beyond the moon: Shall you? Shall you? Shall I? Someone will



WASHINGTON, D. C. — President and Mrs. Nixon are joined by Dr. T. Eugene Coffin, minister of the East Whittier Friends church, Whittier, Calif., Mrs. Coffin, and gospel singer Ethel Waters (right) following worship services in the White House. Mr. Coffin was the first clergyman of the President's own

Quaker denomination to deliver the sermon at the White House since Mr. Nixon began the worship services two years ago. Miss Waters brought tears to the eyes of many of the 300 guests when she sang a selection of Gospel songs. (RNS Photo)

knock when that door is shut, and someone will answer, I know you not. Someone will knock when it will be too late: Shall you? Shall I? Shall you? Shall I? and beloveds, tomorrow may be too late. It's your own decision: darlings, make the right choice."

Her final number was "His Eye is on the Sparrow" by Martin-Gabriel. Accompanying Miss Waters at the piano was Tedd Smith, who is also her accompanist when she sings at Billy Graham crusades, which she has been doing the past several years.

In an interview following the service, Dr. Coffin said his sermon ("The Evidence of Hope") was not meant

primarily for the President, who is a member of his California congregation, but for all those attending the service. While admitting it wasn't the same sermon he would have preached at his Whittier Church (where he has been giving a series on the Ten Commandments), he said he didn't even have the President uppermost in mind when he wrote the sermon.

He said preaching in the White House was in a "different setting, but it really wasn't much different because it was a warm, family kind of experience. . . . So, I wasn't preaching to the President; I was sharing what I felt God had impressed me to share for us all. The floor is all level

when it comes to standing before God."

Dr. Coffin said the message he wanted to bring was "a recognition of the fact that there is in all men the capacity for God, to respond to God; and when that capacity is exercised it is possible to have a first-hand experience with God, through faith in Christ. And that that faith in Christ makes a difference in our daily lives so that it produces in all of us a compassion and unconditional caring for one another, a relationship that is deep, and also it prompts us to really so on the search for truth and find it and then search more for greater truth, as it is revealed."

NEWS BRIEFS

ABC Series Focuses On Religion In America Today

NEW YORK (RNS)—The American Broadcasting Company has produced a special 10-week series of television programs on "Religion in America Today."

The half-hour programs are scheduled to be broadcast at 1 p.m., each Sunday Feb. 28 through May 16, except for April 4 and 11 when the series will be interrupted for special Easter and Passover programs. Some local stations may carry the programs at a later time than the network broadcast.

ABC has produced the special series for its continuing "Directions" program in cooperation with the National Council of Churches Broadcasting and Film Commission, the National Catholic Office for Radio and Television, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission.

Sunday Liquor Sale Sponsor Doubts Passage

INDIANAPOLIS (RNS) — A controversial bill which would allow the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday has been filed in the Indiana House of Representatives, but the sponsor said he is not certain of passage and probably will introduce a second bill soon.

Rep. Stanley C. Boyer (R-Indianapolis) said the bill, popularly known as the "Sunday liquor sale bill," has been "picked apart" because it includes some comprehensive revisions of the state's Alcoholic Beverage Commission. "There is danger that this bill will be killed because of provisions other than Sunday sale, so I'm drawing up another bill that is limited to just that," he said.

Lutheran College Shares Space With A Business School

MILWAUKEE (RNS) — Concordia College of Milwaukee, operated by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will share space with Spencerian College, a private school specializing in business education, and students will be able to take courses at both schools.

Rev. Walter W. Stuenkel, president of Concordia, and Keith B. Appleby, Spencerian president, said the arrangement would allow maximum efficiency in the use of staff and plant facilities, besides giving students a wider choice in curricula.

Jewish Pleas To Leave USSR: One Granted, One Held Back

MOSCOW (RNS)—An exit visa promised to a Soviet Jew has been held up by "bureaucratic technicalities," but another Jew in Russia has been given permission to emigrate to Israel.

Vitaly Sychinsky, a leader of the campaign to secure permission for Jews to leave the Soviet Union, has not yet been granted the exit permit. Boris Tsukerman, whose permit has been granted, plans to leave the Soviet Union soon.

Some sources see the granting of the exit visa as harbinger of a change in Soviet policy. Others believe that the government may be trying to weaken the Jewish community by allowing its leaders to emigrate.

Sychinsky, reportedly one of the most respected Jewish activists in the Soviet Union, is an architect who quit his job in order to apply for a permit to leave the country. He expected to be granted departure papers, but found that "bureaucratic technicalities" had held them up.

Tsukerman, a physicist, is reported to be a link between Jews who want to leave the Soviet Union and other dissident groups in the Soviet Union.

Record Giving Reported By Methodists

EVANSTON, Ill. (RNS) — United Methodists gave a record \$45,597,287 in 1970 to denominational benevolences and administration.

The total is 6.34 per cent higher than the 1969 figure, according to R. Bryan Brawner, treasurer of the Church, who released the report. Earlier speculations had indicated that giving might be down in 1970.

While the sum is a record, not all categories reached their goals. World Service, the basic benevolence fund, was 10 per cent below its annual goal of \$25 million. The 1970 offering was \$22,412,126, which is 0.65 per cent about 1969 totals.

Ecumenism Becoming State Issue, Says Canterbury

LONDON (RNS)—The ecumenical movement has grown "rather stale", Archbishop Michael Ramsey observed during a Christian unity service at Canterbury Cathedral.

"I sense some feeling of frustration in the air," the Anglican primate noted. He said excitement seems to have "worn off" in the ecumenical movement.

Commenting on the currently stalemated Anglican-Methodist union plan, Archbishop Ramsey said it was imperative that the new General Synod of the Church of England discuss this no later than the meeting set for July.

Many Ministers Held Unprepared To Counsel Single Women

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (RNS) — A woman Baptist minister contends that "many ministers are not equipped to give counseling to single women."

"The idea of single women moving out into exciting careers and living full and vibrant lives is a threatening thought to many pastors," said the Rev. Elizabeth Miller, executive director of the Division of Christian Social Concerns for the American Baptist Convention.

In an issue of "Concerns for Christian Citizens," an ABC publication, Miss Miller wrote that most clergy "see women only in the role of wife or mother, or see a woman's work as temporary employment until she finds a husband."

Miss Miller believes that the church must develop life planning and career counseling for single women, particularly those between the ages of 27 and 35. "This is the time when single women begin to develop an understanding of themselves and to work out their attitudes and plans for the future," she says.

"The pressures of society are such that an unmarried woman in this age bracket faces a sense of personal rejection and failure even when she feels fundamentally that singleness for her is better than marriage," Miss Miller writes.

Clergymen Called 'Idiot' On Subject Of Courtship

OKLAHOMA CITY (EP)—The pastor and his spouse who keep the romantic fires burning at home will undergo the strength of the church, according to a national known Presbyterian minister and author.

Dr. Charlie Shedd, outspoken on the subjects of love, sex and marriage, made the remarks at a luncheon here for a group of United Methodist ministers and their wives.

"I think ministers are idiots when it comes to courtship," Dr. Shedd remarked to his audience. He told the amused group that even though pastors and their wives have hectic schedules and live under more pressures than the average couple, it is important to make time for togetherness.

This includes, he said, visiting in depth, if only for 15 minutes a day, and learning to pray together. He said generally the spiritual level of a congregation will never reach a higher level than the level of the pastor's heart.

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personnel."

Sullivan added, "As a part of such narcotic and drug abuse control division, a department therein completely separated from the law enforcement charged with the responsibility of state-wide education of Mississippi's adults and youths on the insidious dangers of narcotics and drug abuse, and with the further responsibility of the promotion of community and local participation in education and other programs designed to discourage such abuse."

He said, "This department could work very closely with the Mississippi Department of Education as well as universities, colleges, civic groups, religious organizations and others."

(C) "A long-range program of rehabilitation designed to give medical, psychiatric and other services in rehabilitating the drug or narcotic addict. This could very probably be directly related to the mental health centers now existing or being established in Mississippi."

(D) "Finally, create and fund an interim study committee by the legislature to make a more in-depth study of the entire problem and the evaluation of the effectiveness of the programs I have proposed."

Toby Wood, Chief of Police, Belzoni, Mississippi, who currently serves as president of the Chiefs of Police organization, has been advocating a separate narcotics bureau for the state; and Senator Ollie Mohammed of Bel-

zoni has introduced legislation in the senate for the establishment of such bureau.

Meanwhile, Governor John Bell Williams called upon the legislature to create a Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs within the Department of Public Safety, with both educational and enforcement responsibilities.

The governor said he favored setting up the drug control system within the existing framework since "we already have the know-how and trained personnel to cope with the problem."

Commenting upon these proposals, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, stated, "I feel the state laws as to drug abuse should be brought in line with the revised federal statutes approved October 27, 1970, which in es-

sense makes lighter offenses for first offenders for "possession" and heavier penalties for "pushers" and the repeated offender. Whatever agency is given the drug abuse assignment in Mississippi, it must, in my judgment, be involved in both education and enforcement.

"The highway patrol unit has done a good job with five men and it is obvious the organization will have to be much larger than that to adequately cope with the problem. Eleven Mississippi cities now have drug units in their police departments and a number of men, as Chief Wood, have had special training by the F.B.I. and the Federal Bureau of Narcotics. It would seem that a unified training program for police officers assigned to these units in the cities would be one priority responsibility of such a bureau. I

hope Mississippians will encourage the legislators to act now on this vital issue."

Arab Music Council Formed; Convention Missioner Participates

BEIRUT (BP)—A Southern Baptist missionary on the faculty of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary here was one of two non-Arabs participating in the organizational meeting of the Arab Council of Music in Tripoli, Libya.

J. Conrad Willmon, professor of music, religious education and church administration in the seminary, attended the five-day meeting held to approve a charter and constitution for the council.

Willmon was made an official delegate because of his qualifications and musical activities in the Arab world, reported Mrs. Frances Fuller, missionary press representative. His expenses were paid by the Libyan Ministry of Education.

Willmon, a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., is editing the first Arabic Baptist Hymnal and has served as consultant and conference leader on music and religious education in several Middle East countries. He is also program producer and director for the Baptist Radio Recording Studio here.

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Leaders will be Miss Myrtle Veach, a consultant in the youth section of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The clinic will begin at 1:00 p.m. Sunday and adjourn at noon Tuesday. Each associational team will return home and conduct an associational clinic for the churches in the associational area.



W. Douglas Hudgins will be presiding during the conference for pastors and church staff members in all four area Leadership Readiness Conferences February 22-25. In addition to the emphasis he will give to work in Mississippi there will be special emphasis on church administration and evangelism.

Leading the emphasis on evangelism will be Otis Williams of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Roy Column of the Mississippi Department of Evangelism. Problems of church administration will be discussed by William Halbert, consultant with the Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department, and Leon Emery, Mississippi's consultant in church administration.

Conferences are scheduled for Tupelo, Greenwood, Jackson and Hattiesburg. See next week's Baptist Record for complete information regarding these conferences.

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believe that God was leading their Pulpit Committee to call as their pastor Rev. Larry G. Rohman. At the time the church called him (October, 1969) he was only 31, had little experience with handling the problems of a large church, and seemed a most unlikely candidate to replace a man as prominent as Dr. Hudgins.

Mr. Rohman was, they knew, a native Texan, a graduate of Baylor University (the largest of the Baptist colleges), and a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. First Baptist Church, Biloxi, had grown to a membership in excess of 2000 under his ministry, and he had baptized 101 converts there during the previous year. In Biloxi he was a community leader, and his messages had been broadcast on radio and television. Over the state he was a favorite speaker for young people's meetings and other denominational meetings. He was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and a member of its nine-man Executive Committee.

He had been converted at age 12, had become a Baptist under the influence of Baptist athletes while a high school football player, and had abandoned plans for a law career to go to Baylor as a volunteer for the ministry.

His other pastorates had included Val Verde Church, Holland, Texas; Calvary, Lamar County, Miss.; and Temple, Tuscaloosa, Ala. He was married to the former Sonya O'Neal of Hattiesburg and the father of two children, Scott and Cindy.

"They knew all this, but the facts remained that he was young and had little experience with handling the problems of a large church. Nevertheless, the Pulpit Committee believed that God was leading them to him. And the Jackson congregation did give him a unanimous call October 5, 1969, to become their third pastor in a half century.

First Baptist Church of Jackson is filled with Christians who have walked with the Lord for many years. Knowing that the national publications such as U. S. News and World Report and others were predicting the death of downtown churches, and in the light of the aforementioned circumstances, small prayer groups began to spring up throughout the church.

"The startling achievements and advances the church has made during the recent year can be traced directly to these prayer groups," declares Mr. Rohman. "Because some of these prayer groups meet without the knowledge of the church staff or organizations, it is difficult to know how many people per week are praying for God's spirit to lead the church.

Final Call For Seminar On Pastoral Care Of The Ill

Pastors of all faiths are invited to a "Seminar on the Pastoral Care of the Ill" set for February 11 at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

According to Rev. Gordon Shambarger, hospital chaplain and director of its Department of Pastoral Care.

The theme will be "The Pastor As A Team Member in a Total Healing Ministry," and registration will begin at 12:30 p. m., followed by a noon luncheon.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Harold L. Rutledge, professor of psychology and counseling at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, who will speak twice during the day.

His topic for a 1:45 p. m. address will be "The Pastor Supporting the Patient," and at 4:30 p. m., Dr. Rutledge will discuss "The Pastor Coping With The Needs of The Patient's Family."

Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, and Mrs. Johnnie Weber, director of nursing services for the hospital, also will address seminar participants during the afternoon session.

A final session at 7:00 p. m. will be addressed by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. William Lotterhos; and Chaplain Shambarger.

Revival Dates

Burland's Creek (Belmont): February 7-10; Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor; Rev. John Hillman, pastor of McDowell Road Church, Jackson, evangelist; Mrs. Jean Willoughby; pianist; Mrs. Norris Hearn, organist; regular services on Sunday; services through the week at 7:30 p. m.

ch. At this time, there must be between 15 and 25 prayer groups in existence. Some of these prayer groups are for men, and some are for young people, while most are made up of women. Some groups meet at the church while others meet in places of business, or in homes."

The year 1969-70 was one of the greatest in the church's history. The first signs of God's spirit at work in this church were noticed as prayer meeting crowds began to expand. By August and September of 1970, the number attending the midweek prayer service was over 600 and was fast approaching 700. It was not an unusual sight to see tables set up in the corridor because of lack of space inside Fellowship Hall.

The Sunday worship services became extremely exciting because in every worship service many spiritual decisions were being registered. From October, 1969, until September, 1970, 350 people had joined the church, which is an average of seven members per Sunday. Of those joining, 130 came for baptism. Most of these new members were young adults.

As a result of the coming of these new people into the church, the deacons realized that much needed to be done in preparation for future growth. In February, 1970, Alex McKelney, chairman of deacons, appointed a Long Range Planning Committee. After a few months of study, it was obvious to these men that the church was in need of more property and would no doubt need new buildings in order that the increasing number in Sunday School could be housed.

On July 19, 1970, the Long Range Planning Committee stepped out on faith by presenting to the membership an unbelievable and unprecedented proposal. Their recommendation was that the church go into a million and a half dollar expansion program and that the church seek to raise a minimum of \$800,000 and be authorized to borrow whatever remained between what was raised and a million and a half dollars. The unbelievable part of this recommendation was that the church was asked to go into this program not knowing what property was available or what buildings were needed and with no clear-cut explanation of how the money would be spent. Yet when the proposal was made to the church, an almost incredible reaction took place—the church accepted the recommendation without a dissenting vote. After several months of planning has passed, the church began a fund raising drive with a minimum goal of \$800,000 to be given over a three-year period.

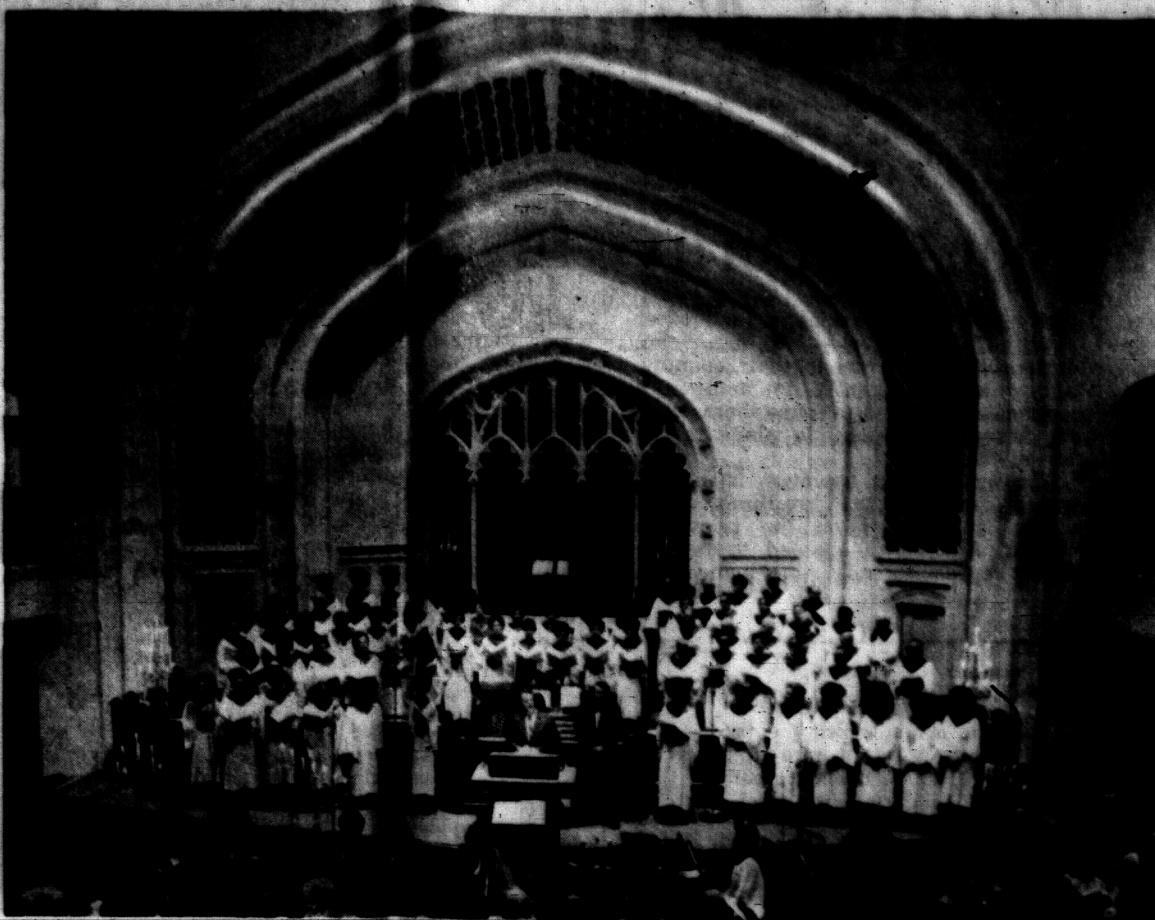
"Although it was very disadvantageous to begin a fund raising drive without being able to tell the church people how the money would be used, the program was begun," recalls Pastor Rohman. "The movement of the spirit of God within the membership of the First Baptist Church was witnessed again in that by January 1, 1971, the church had received gifts and pledges to the expansion program of over one million dollars. The receiving of this money and these pledges is secondary in importance to the moving of God's spirit in the hearts of Christians who made the contributions possible."

The next problem the church faced was that of acquiring property near the existing buildings. The Long Range Planning Committee soon discovered that there seemed to be no hope of the church's obtaining such nearby property. Once again, the church began to pray and ask God to open the door for expansion. Not many months passed before what seemed at one time to be impossible had been accomplished.

On October 15, 1970, First Church acquired the piece of property that joined the land on which the present sanctuary is built. In addition to the land there were two buildings suitable for Sunday School space. They are presently being renovated so that departments that have grown too large for their opening assembly rooms can be relocated in them. Planning is underway for construction of additional buildings in which the program can be expanded and diversified. It is believed that when the planning is finished, money will be available to accomplish the task that God has laid before this church.

On the Sunday night just prior to Christmas, the Church Choir under the direction of their new minister of music, Larry Black, presented Christmas music with the help of twenty pieces of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. The startling result was that at the time of the beginning of the concert every seat in the auditorium was filled, chairs had been placed in every aisle and were filled and there were people standing all around the wall, both downstairs and in the balcony. In addition, people filled the foyer of the church and many were even standing outside on the front steps listening to the music.

By January, 1971, the Adult Choir had grown to over 100 people and it was necessary to put folding chairs on the platform because of a lack of space in the choir loft. Facilities for the music program are being enlarged and modernized.



The pastor, Rev. Larry Rohman, stands behind the pulpit, as the choir of First Church, Jackson, begins the presentation of special Christmas music, to an

audience that overflows the building and spills onto the front steps.

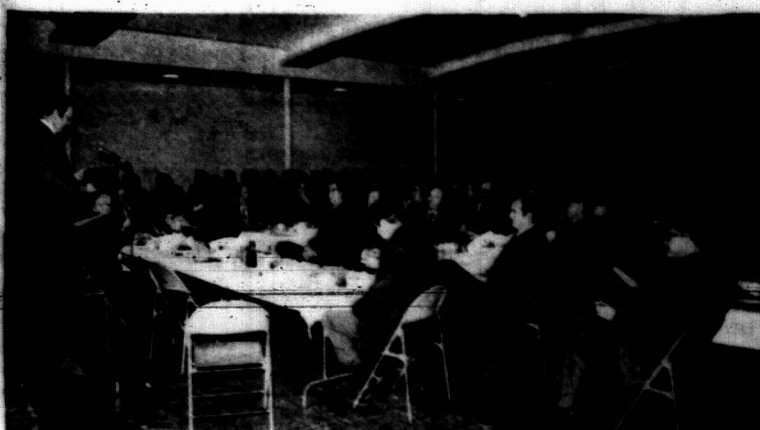
Worshippers through the regular Sunday worship services. The first few Sundays in January saw chairs in every aisle. Some people went home because they found no seats in the sanctuary at the time of the morning worship service. (Steps are underway to alleviate this problem.)

Sunday School attendance, which now exceeds 1400 weekly has grown so that it became necessary for the church to move a whole department into a nearby building because they could no longer accommodate all departments in the present facilities. On the Sunday that they opened the new Sunday School building, the new building overflowed. And in the main building, young adults could not all get into assembly or Sunday School classrooms. On the same morning, January 10, the sanctuary overflowed with a capacity crowd at the morning service and there were 18 additions. In the same service, announcement was made of the successful raising of one million dollars toward the expansion program.

A Business Men's Bible Study was begun in April of 1969 with 12 men present. Since then, it has grown to the point that it is attended by from 150 to 200 men each week. These men are of many denominations and religious persuasions. It is one of the most outstanding examples of New Testament Christianity to be found anywhere.

Young women meet monthly for Bible Study Luncheon. Other women meet Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoons for Bible study.

The youth program of the church is outstanding. Prayer and Bible study groups are meeting and growing. A year ago the youth choir had about 25, and now has 100. An attractive, well-equipped Youth Center has been provided. Missions and witnessing



A Tuesday noon Businessmen's Bible Study Luncheon at First, Jackson, has grown to an attendance as high as 150-200 weekly.

characterize the many youth activities, and several mission projects are currently underway. Special services were conducted at the Ross Barnett Reservoir each Saturday night during the past summer. Plans have been made for an extensive mission tour and work project next summer.

Pre-school and children's groups have received special attention in provision of space and special programs. Senior adults meet monthly for a period of fellowship. Children who need special education have a department in Sunday School and during the Church Training hour.

To meet the demands of the increasing

"We are going to stand, as it were, on a great and lofty eminence and look over the entire story of human history, from its beginning in the unknown distant ages of the ageless past, unto the vast, incomparable consummation of the ages which are yet to come. — W. A. Criswell in The Scarlet Thread Through the Bible, a Broadman book

SBC Stewardship Commission Staff Assignments Revised

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission here approved of the appointment of four professional staff members for the commission to revised positions, and the addition of a new staff member.

Michael L. Speer, F. Paul Allison, Ben G. Gill and Paul M. Darden have each been given new or additional responsibilities on the commission's staff, and effective Jan. 1, Fred Chapman joined the commission staff.

Speer, former stewardship secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has been named director of Cooperative Program Promotion for the commission, succeeding James V. Lackey who is the new executive director.

Allison, formerly of Missouri, has been named director of stewardship development, a position Speer had held for the past three years. Allison has been director of communication

for the commission for the past two years.

Gill's appointment as director of endowment and capital giving

and Chapman's election as consultant in the endowment and capital giving service had been announced in early December by Lackey.

Lackey said that as a part of the reorganization of staff assignments, Paul M. Darden, publishing supervisor for the commission had been given additional responsibilities as liaison representative for the commission with the stewardship (marketing) services of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

In addition to the new staff assignments, the Stewardship Commission in annual session reorganized its committee structure to provide for three committees over each of the staff function areas — Cooperative Program promotion, stewardship development, and endowment and capital giving service.

No graves on the hillside of glory! No funeral wreaths on the doors of the mansions in the sky! — W. A. Criswell in The Scarlet Thread Through the Bible, a Broadman book

Thief Robs Church, Asks For Prayer

CINCINNATI (EP) — A robber broke into a sanctuary here and stole coins from a pay telephone and vending machine.

Before leaving he left a note saying, "Sorry, I need money. Pray for me."

The Rev. James E. Martin, pastor of Beulah Baptist Church said he found the note in his office.

Walton Urged To Resign By Americans United

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS)—Dr. Clarence E. Walton, chairman of President Nixon's Panel on Nonpublic Education, was called upon today to resign his post.

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, made the suggestion in a telegram to Dr. Walton. The telegram stated that Dr. Walton's public statements ever since his appointment have indicated that he has not approached his assignment with an open mind but has "prejudged the case in favor of government aid to church institutions."

"The only proper course for you to follow under the circumstances you have created," the message continued, "is to submit your resignation to the President forthwith."

The full text of the telegram follows:

Dr. Clarence E. Walton
Chairman, Panel on Nonpublic Education
Washington, D. C.

As chairman of the Panel on Nonpublic Education it was your assignment to conduct an impartial study of the subject. But from the very beginning you have issued repeated statements for the press which have prejudged the case in favor of government aid to church institutions.

Reduced Rates For Clergy Still Apply, Railroads Say

NEW YORK (RNS)—The Eastern Clergy Bureau of the Eastern Railroad Association has announced that most major lines will continue to offer 25 per cent reduced fares to clergymen in 1971.

The special rates are available for all ordained or licensed clergy, nuns, seminarians and missionaries, according to Harry Schulte, manager of the Eastern Clergy Bureau.

He said some 2,000 clergy have bought coupon books for the year. The books — containing 50 coupons which can be used to buy reduced tickets — are issued upon an application fee of \$14 each.

Applications for the coupon books have been declining each year, Mr. Schulte reported. He said 4,000 were sold last year and 6,000 the year before. "About 30 years ago, we used to sell 50,000 — at \$2 a book," he recalled.

Mr. Schulte pointed out that the coupons can be used only for travel within the geographical area covered by the Eastern Clergy Bureau.

Clergy wishing to receive reduced fares for travel outside the Eastern area would have to apply to clergy bureaus in those districts for information on reduced rates.

Water Valley, First Dedicates New Sanctuary Jan. 31

Members of First Church, Water Valley, held "Open House" Sunday, Jan. 31 in their new sanctuary and during the day held dedicatory religious services.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was the guest speaker at the morning services.

In the afternoon at 2:30 Rev. Clarence Cutrell, Jackson, who served as interim pastor of First Baptist Church between the pastorates of the Rev. Joel E. Haire, and the Rev. Guy Reedy, was the speaker; and at 7 p. m., Rev. Joel E. Haire, former pastor, preached.

The evening service was a union service with First Methodist, North Main Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches.

Rev. Guy Reedy is pastor.

Home Board Staffers Accept New Posts

ATLANTA (BP)—Three staff members of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, George Torney, Eddie Rickenbaker, and Billy Hargrove, have resigned to accept positions as pastors and as a state denominational worker.

Torney, associate secretary of the board's department of metropolitan missions, has been named pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, San Francisco.

Rickenbaker, associate in the board's department of missionary personnel, resigned to become pastor of Kithwood Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C., on Feb. 1.

Hargrove, field representative in the board's Division of Church Loans for three years, will become director of stewardship promotion for the Missouri Baptist Convention, effective March 1.

Torney, before joining the Home Mission Board staff in 1967, was pastor of Winstanley Baptist Church, East St. Louis, Ill., and Hopewell Baptist Church, Madison, Ind. He is a graduate of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

March BH Topics

In his "Baptist Hour" sermons for the month of March, Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs will complete a series of sermons on human suffering.

"When the Heavens Seem as Brass," the March 7 sermon, will deal with the problem of prayers that seemingly are unanswered. "Serenity in a Storm," to be given March 14, will discuss God's provision for facing life's hardships, and "The Blessing," on March 21, will stress the Christian's grounds for joy in passing through periods of darkness. The series will be concluded on March 28 with "You Are Never Alone," a message of assurance on the presence of God in the life of the believer.

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There Is Another "Minority" In America

The world hears much about a young people's group which well may be called the most widely publicized minority.

This group is best known for its long hair, its odd dress, its defense of the use of drugs and of sex, its four letter words, and its cry to "tear down the establishment."

It definitely is a minority, for evidence has been produced again and again which proves that the vast ma-

jority of young Americans (and other youth of the world too) are clean, serious-minded, loyal to their country, and working diligently to achieve a good education and prepare themselves for taking a responsible place in the life of the nation.

The first, group, however, is the one which captures the headlines, and which is featured on the television screen. And some are led to believe that it represents most American youth.

Almost forgotten is another minority, which is much larger than the revolutionary group, and which, in the long run, probably will have a more lasting effect on the future of our land. This is the minority made up of young people who are positive Christians in their living and in their witness.

Proof that this minority exists is found simply by looking at the vast number of splendid young people who are active in our churches. They are attending, praying, participating and working diligently to help their churches give a positive witness for Christ.

Evidence of the existence of the group is also seen in the large number of young people who are active in such organizations as the Baptist Student Union, Campus Crusade for Christ, Christian Athletes and similar groups.

For example, over 12,000 young people from all over the nation gathered in Urbana, Illinois, during the recent holiday season, to discuss world missions and the part they can play in it.

During the same period over 1,000 young people marched through the streets of Atlanta, proclaiming their belief that salvation is found only in Jesus Christ, and giving out a special tract on salvation.

The current issue of Look Magazine carries the story of the "Jesus" movement which is developing among youth in California, a movement in which thousands of young people are turning from lives as "hippies" on drugs and sex, to surrender and witness for Jesus Christ. They hold up the index finger toward heaven as the sign that Jesus Christ is the one way. Billy Graham reported that many thousands of young people gave this sign as he rode along the parade route as Grand Marshal of the Rose Bowl Parade.

We are making an effort to evaluate these movements in this editorial. We simply are saying that there is another minority group among young people, which must not be overlooked when we consider today's youth. It is the great number of Christian young people, and all of us should thank God for them.

As Paul Harvey says, "They are not all bad."

"QUOTABLES"

Everything that grows changes.

That which is used develops. That which is not used wastes away.—Hippocrates

"Sodom" In Our Day

The current issue of Christianity Today, national conservative Christian publication, carries an editorial concerning the decision of the publishers of the San Francisco Examiner to refuse any longer to carry the advertisements of the "dispensers of depraved entertainment" in the famous coast city. The editorial, of course, commends the action and comments on the situation in that city which has so developed that it is gaining an "international reputation as the Sodom of our day." Any person familiar with the Bible story of how God destroyed Sodom because of its wickedness, can clearly understand the meaning of this comparison.

However, before we who live in Mississippi or in the South begin to gloat that it is "there" and not "here," we need to consider what is happening right here at home. After reading the Christianity Today editorial I decided to examine the movie ads in that day's issue of Mississippi's largest daily, one of the Jackson newspapers.

To my amazement I found that on that particular day only one theatre in Jackson was running a film which anyone under seventeen would be admitted to see. As I examined the advertising further I discovered that the one film which youth would be allowed to view was an "horror" picture, and the advertisement actually mentioned the nightmares it might cause. Every other film advertised was rated "R" which evidently means "Restricted" but which probably would be more accurately labeled as "Rotten" or "Repulsive."

Far too many of the productions of Hollywood and most other moving picture producers, have been questionable

Evangelize

By Oswald J. Smith

Give us a watchword for the hour
A thrilling word, a word of power;
A battle cry, a flaming breath
That calls to conquest or to death.

A word to rouse the church from rest
To head the Master's high behest.
The call is given; Ye hosts arise
Our watchword is Evangelize.

The glad evangel now proclaim
Through all the earth in Jesus name.
This word is ringing through the skies
Evangelize! Evangelize!

To dying men, A fallen race,
Make known the gift of gospel grace;
The world that now in darkness lies
Evangelize! Evangelize!

in character, even throughout the history of the industry, but many of the present day productions are unbelievably bad. Yet, millions of people, especially youth are attending theatres each week. What an abomination it is that they are being offered the fare which is being fed them today. No wonder moral problems plague our nation.

If, however, you think that sin is limited to San Francisco or Broadway, just look at the movie ads in state newspapers. Or, just watch your television regularly!

When you do you will recognize how imperative it is for Mississippi Baptists and other Mississippi Christians to provide the finest and strongest Christian leadership they know how to give. We are in a warfare with "principalities and powers" in high places, (Eph. 6:12) and we must put on the "whole armour of God," and stand in the power of God, if we are to win, and provide any kind of protection for our youth.



Dump Ground

North Dakota Church Needs Mimeo Machine

Dear Christian Friends,

I trust that Jesus Christ was very precious to you at Christmas time. If our hearts rejoice at the remembrance of His birth surely His presence in Heaven will be, "pleasures forevermore." Psalms 16:11

Mrs. Grace Wounded Face came to the Indian service and stated the people at Independence had sent her to ask if we would come and hold a service for them. They have a building but no pastor. We will go when it warms up a bit. It has been below zero quite a bit lately with high winds and the road to Independence may be rough. It is further into the reservation and I have never been there before. It would be bad to get stuck in there as it is isolated. The snow was deep at Mandaree last Sunday and we had to shovel a bit to get the front door open. We had a good attendance though with four professions of faith.

Our building situation is up in the air. The city of Dickinson voted to buy our property and then at the last meeting voted to table it. We have been contacted by a group at New Leipzig who would like to buy the old building and move it to New Leipzig to begin a Baptist church there. Meanwhile someone else is interested in buying our property. We have been in contact with Rev. Carkeet from Greenwood, Louisiana who has built several churches in pioneer areas using only volunteer labor. He is willing to come up next summer and build one for us if we can work out all the details. We know God is working this out in His time.

We are making an appeal for help in securing a good mimeograph machine, for the church. We need one badly for use at Dickinson and also at Mandaree. We borrowed a duplicator last month and this month Mr. Smart of Smart's Office Supply has very graciously run this one for us. If God should lead you to help us with this need it will be greatly appreciated.

Tom Gray, Pastor
First Baptist Church
P. O. Box 100
Dickinson, N. D.

NOTE: If some church in Mississippi has changed their duplicating and has a workable machine, they might like to write Brother Gray.

On The MORAL SCENE...

U. S. Surgeon General Jesse L. Steinfeld expressed new concern recently about the effect of maternal cigarette smoking on unborn children.

"One study shows that women smokers have 20% more unsuccessful pregnancies than they would have if they had not smoked," he said.

"In a 1969 report to Congress on health hazards of smoking," Steinfeld added, "it was suggested there was a relationship between smoking during pregnancy and spontaneous abortion, stillbirth, and neonatal death (death of a newborn)."

"Now there is a substantial body of evidence which clearly supports the earlier view that maternal smoking during pregnancy harms the unborn child by exerting a retarding influence on fetal growth," he said. Steinfeld commented that in the past seven years there has been an appreciable drop in smoking among men but no comparable drop among women. (From "Smoking Called Peril to Unborn," The Nashville Tennessean, 1-12-71)

TRAVELING UNDER A CLOUD. The winner in the cross-country National Clean Air Race was a '71 Mercury Capri modified by students from Wayne State University. Dr. Robert L. Anderson, National Air Pollution Control Administration, said the car "may meet the standards we are considering for 1980 autos." Meanwhile, U. S. automakers, with millions invested in engineering staffs, reportedly say they won't be able to meet the 1975 standards with 1975 cars. (Everybody's Money, Winter '70-'71)

GOD I LIKE YOU—Contemporary Poetry selected and compiled from Decision Magazine. Compiled by Margaret E. Wirt and a Charles Anderson. (Zondervan, 90 pp., \$2.95) Unusual poems in free verse which first was chosen for the pages of Decision, the Billy Graham magazine. Attractively illustrated with pencil drawings. Varied subjects of the Christian faith and experience are presented. A delightful book for devotion or browsing.

EDUCATION—What's happening

The Association of American Colleges, after surveying the nation's private colleges and universities, reported last weekend that the average private institution in every region of the country is "firmly in the red" and will "not long be able to serve higher education and the nation with strength unless significant aid is soon forthcoming."

Among church-related institutions, Seventh-Day Adventists support their colleges "more handsomely" than any other denominational body, providing over \$1 million a year, on the average, to each of their institutions. "Not surprisingly," the report states, "theirs is also the largest contribution in terms of support as a percentage of current fund-expenditure. It is nearly 12 percent of the budget." The report said the second largest supporter in terms of average dollars per institution is the Southern Baptist Convention which supplies its institutions an average of \$282,000 per year. "Its place," the report states, "would be supplanted if contributed services, an important form of church support afforded Roman Catholic institutions, were included in this tabulation. In any event, on the basis of support as a percentage of budget, second place belongs to the Church of the Nazarene which provides its colleges nearly ten percent of their current fund budgets. Five denominations average over \$200,000 per year in support to their colleges. The report also indicates that over five percent of the current operating fund budgets of the colleges related to them."

The report was prepared by William W. Jellema, AAC executive associate and research director and involved 733 of the nation's 762 private colleges and universities.

NEWEST BOOKS

"Do People Really Matter? God Says Yes" Says Author

PEOPLE-CENTERED EVANGELISM by John F. Havlik, with foreword by Kenneth L. Chaffin. (Broadman, paperback, 92 pp.) "Do people really matter? God says yes. And God says yes most emphatically on a skull-shaped hill outside Jerusalem." Thus writes John F. Havlik, associated director, Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, SBC. "As Christians, understanding God's estimate of people, we must develop a genuine interest in individuals and their needs and learn ways to demonstrate our love to them. Only then can we win their confidence and lead them to a personal experience with Christ." This book emphasizes the why as well as the how of evangelism. It shows that Christian love and understanding are the basis for witnessing.

EXPOSITORY SERMONS ON THE BOOK OF DANIEL by W. A. Criswell Vol. 2, Chapters 1-3. (Zondervan, 147 pp., \$3.50) About three years ago Dr. Criswell released the first of a series of sermon expositions of the book of Daniel. When he became president of the SBC he delayed the continuation of the series, but now the volumes will be forthcoming. The first volume was largely introductory, dealing with authorship, date, the critics and other issues related to this book. It was a strong defense of the acceptability and reliability of the book of Daniel. In this new volume Dr. Criswell begins his actual exposition of the book section by section. He has done broad research and brings much rich historical material into his messages to help the reader more fully understand the meaning and message of the prophetic words. But also the pages are filled with deep spiritual discernment. These messages were preached in First Church, Dallas, and carry the warmth and power of the pulpit message. We shall look forward eagerly to the remaining volumes in the series, for Daniel has as much meaning for our day as any other Old Testament book. If you want to understand the book of Daniel we urge you to get these books as soon as each volume is published.

SUNDAY TEACHING PROGRAM PLAN BOOK, 1971-72 edited by William R. Cox. (Convention Press, 90 pp.) Sunday School plans are sometimes made by the Sunday School council, sometimes by the church

staff, and sometimes by one individual. Some churches plan annually, some plan quarterly, and some plan monthly. The simplified planning process in this book may be used by one individual or by a group; it may be used in annual, quarterly, and monthly planning.

GAMES HUSBANDS AND WIVES PLAY by John W. Drakeford. (Broadman, 128 pp., \$2.95)

"Love may be the most misunderstood word in the English language" — so says the author of this sprightly but surprisingly profound book on the "games" husbands and wives unwittingly "play" in marriage. In this unique self-help book, Dr. Drakeford, who is professor at Southwestern Seminary, tells the opponents (husband and wife) the aim of the "game," gives them a set of rules and a list of maneuvers that will help win the game.

TABLES OF STONE FOR MODERN LIVING by Randall Earl Denny (Baker, paperback, 120 pp., \$1.95)

The author of these inspirational thoughts on the Ten Commandments believes that God's moral code is forever contemporary, never out of date, just as relevant in today's society as in the distant past.

431 QUOTES from the notes of Henrietta C. Means. (Gospel Light Publications, 194 pp., paperback, \$1.25). These "words in season to challenge and inspire" are from the notes of a great Christian educator and Sunday School teacher who was "the inspiration genius of the great Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Calif., and demonstrated to the world that Sunday School is big business."

WHEN YOU GET TO THE END OF YOURSELF by W. T. Parkier. (Baker, paperback, 128 pp., \$1.95) Here is "encouragement for the sick, gladdening for the depressed, and a challenge to the ambitious and the ambitious on how to turn your troubles into triumphs."

EASY TO LIVE WITH by Leslie Parrott. (Baker, paperback, 128 pp., \$1.95) Particular emphasis is laid upon the interpersonal relationships within the home.



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

"He hath put a . . . song in my mouth. . ."

Right after lunch on a day just between spring and summer some years ago things were quiet around the house — just good home sounds like the droning attic fan and the littlest boy throwing toys out of his bed unsettled the quietness. Frank, four, and Bobby, six, were also resting. Resting was made up of such activities as shredding books, de-wheeling toy cars, making tents, and tying knots in the Venetian blind strings with one's toes. Occasionally, there was music in the air as Bobby sang, "Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, early in the morning our song shall rise again." It did not matter if the words were a bit wrong.

That's cute, I thought. The phrase "our song shall rise again" stayed with me. Because of it I listened to God: "Child, you do have a song. . . I put it in your mouth." I thought back through the order of things at our house since the Sunday before when all three boys started with runny noses. Each runny nose took a different road — Bobby's to a virus cold with a severe cough; Frank's to an infected ear, and James Neil's to a frightening attack of asthma coupled with bronchitis. (Our illnesses nearly always come in threes. One year we had three cases of red measles for Easter and three cases of chicken pox for Thanksgiving. We have lived in horror that old-time itch will show up in our town!) Three days and nights brought the boys to the road of recovery.

During those hours the song that's always in my heart was hardly audible, but it was "rising again." The song comes and goes in volume, but it is always there — the love song which God gave me through Christ. The verses are sometimes sad, sometimes glad, but the refrain is always the triumphant song that God cares for me. Me, a real person. Me, known personally by Him. Runny noses which progress to complicate my home and routine, panic my heart, pile up my work, and cause me all manner of havoc attack His notice. They bow to His healing as did leprosy, lameness, blindness, and palsy, if by their being healed, glory may be had for Christ.

I keep reminding myself of the latter part of that sentence. The important thing in rearing godly men is His glory, not mine. All our sicknesses are not likely to have happy endings. His glory may require otherwise sometime. Even then I think I will hear God's love song in my heart, for that song will always rise again. He put the song there, and He will not remove it.

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ieved by an independent, self-perpetuating board of trustees that will be given the opportunity to chart the course of the college and enable it to become a more vital part of the Corpus Christi area."

W. H. Colson, superintendent of missions of the Corpus Christi Baptist Association and vice president of the school's development board, added, "The time has come to involve the non-Baptist leadership of the city active in the development of the college in service on its board of trustees."

The school is one of 10 educational institutions operated by Texas Baptists. Unlike the others, it is in an area where Baptists are in the minority, comprising an estimated five per cent of the population.

The school has suffered continuing problems with finances and student enrollments over the years. In 1969-70, there was an operating deficit of \$149,574 and a similar deficit is expected this year. Enrollment dropped to 675 in 1968, 624 in 1969 and 613 currently, with only 30 per cent of the students Baptists.

Approximately 5,000 students are enrolled in a junior college in Corpus Christi and a new upper level state college has been approved for the area.

A school spokesman said the trustee action "does not presuppose that action will be taken to relate to the state," and he added that "it also does not presuppose that such action will not be taken."

The university site was a naval training center during World War II. It was deeded to the trustees, selected by the Texas convention, by the federal government, with property to be free entanglements if operated for 20 years as an educational institution. The 20-year period ends Aug. 6.

The 300 acres, fronting Corpus Christi Bay, has nine major buildings and is valued at about \$4 million. The college has a \$1.1 million debt.

The basis for the trustee action included:

1. The convention through its Education Commission and Executive Board "recognize the unique status of the University of Corpus Christi by immediately entering into an agreement" with the trustees, "which will create an independent status" for the college.
2. The independent board will be self-perpetuating and non-Baptists will be encouraged to serve as members.
3. The convention will assist at the current level with funds during the transitional period to independent status.
4. Some property will be assigned for a Baptist student center.

Re-thinking Seminary -

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ary, with an upgrading of the professional approach.

"It is no wonder that ministers are confused today," Gray continued. The minister of today "is under pressure to respond to the world at large, the community with its varied interests, persons in need and facing crises, the denomination, his peers, his congregation and even his family."

The minister often faces his complex circumstances and problems alone and unsupported, Gray said.

"He may feel that his seminary training didn't adequately prepare him for the responses he must try to make." Small incomes, obligations to church policies he may feel aren't right or worthwhile — all of these contribute to a confused state among many ministers today concerning their role, he said.

It is the seminary's responsibility to clarify its understanding of the minister's role and the work of the ministry, and the curriculum should reflect these concepts, Gray argued.

He then outlined some personal qualities that he said must be developed by the modern minister, adding that in no way "do they rule out the working of God. By becoming competent the minister will not rely less on God but rather be available to him for greater service."

Gray said the minister of today is a "generalist in the day of specialization." He must be able to identify with his own situation and be able to analyze it objectively. He should be able to appreciate his physical and social environment and feel comfortable in it. A minister particularly needs to be "thinking person," Gray said.

Numerous representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention, theological seminaries, and colleges and universities attended the inaugural ceremonies, a reception, and a luncheon honoring the new dean.

Gray, who is also professor of religious education at Golden Gate, was formerly Sunday School department manager of the SBC Sunday School Board and taught at Golden Gate from 1959-1967. During his previous years at the seminary, he served as head of the division of Religious Education and professor of church administration.



Lincoln-Likeness Awards To Be Presented

BURL IVES poses with Lincoln likeness used on awards to be presented to broadcasters honored by the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission at the second annual Abe Lincoln Awards, scheduled on Lincoln's Birthday in Fort Worth, Texas. The likeness, from an original sculpture by Fred M. Torrey, also has been chosen for a statue soon to be erected on the West Virginia Capitol Grounds at Charleston. Ives, along with The Centurymen choir, entertained at a benefit program held in conjunction with the awards presentation.

Respond To Challenge

Vardaman, Poplar Springs Drive 1971 Budgets Show Increase In Cooperative Program Gifts

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has called on Mississippi Baptists to make 1971 a year in which to strive to do better in all phases of church life. The Mississippi Baptist goal for 1971 is a 10% advance in Sunday school attendance, in worship attendance, in baptisms, in budget support and mission giving, and in commitment to preaching and mission ministry.

Vardaman Church, Rev. Kenneth Pickens, pastor, the new budget calls for a 32.8% increase in gifts to the Cooperative Program (\$4160 to \$5525) and 44% increase in gifts to associational missions (\$910 to \$1325).

At Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, Rev. Wilmer Baker, pastor, the new budget calls for a 23.3% increase in gifts to the Cooperative Program (\$15,000 to \$18,500).

Crime In New York: Church Must Pay \$100,000 For Security

By Tracy Early
Religious News Service
Special Correspondent

NEW YORK (RNS)—As a result of the growing crime problem, the Riverside church here will spend \$100,000 this year on its security program, more than the entire budget of most smaller churches.

The money will pay the salaries and miscellaneous expenses of eight full-time and four part-time security guards, who maintain a 24-hour, daily watch at the interdenominational church.

As a further supplement to normal police protection, the church will contribute \$10,000 this year as its share of an area security system maintained by the Interchurch Center, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University, the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine and other institutions that, like Riverside, are clustered in Morningside Heights.

With its 4,000 members and large, complex building covering two blocks,

Riverside is in some ways a unique church. In addition to a constant stream of tourists coming to see the famous Gothic structure, it has an unusually wide-ranging program of activities that bring large number of people, both members and non-members, to the building every day.

The numerous offices, the visual aids program, and the church's FM radio station tempt thieves with equipment that is both valuable and portable.

The church also provides a check-cashing service for its employees, and the money for that has been taken twice in hold-ups.

Though such factors make security especially difficult for Riverside, the church is not being singled out for special treatment by criminal elements. It is just suffering the same problems as other New York institutions and, to a degree, of other New York churches.

Churches identified with radical social causes, such as the Episcopal St.

Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie, have been repeatedly vandalized as have such churches as the Catholic chapel at Kennedy International Airport and Jewish synagogues.

Observers find the problem a growing one. Dr. Eugene Laubach, Riverside's executive minister, came to the church in 1961 and has seen a study increase in the crime problem since then, with a rapid acceleration in the last two years.

The growth of the crime rate is generally attributed to the increase in drug addiction. The grabbing of women's purses and the theft of items that can be readily converted into cash are crimes typical of addicts, who may require up to \$50 per day for the heroin their system demands.

Riverside's security system, a beefed-up form of one installed earlier, was set up last year by the church's business manager, Stephen Feke, who was assigned the task by the church trustees as one of his first projects after he came on the job in

the Spring. "We'd had thefts, purse-snatchings, robberies, night break-ins, attempted rapes — practically, everything," says Mr. Feke.

The guards now monitor the door where most people enter the church, make an hourly circuit of the building, stand by during check cashing hours, accompany staff members to make bank deposits, escort people walking to their apartment buildings in the neighborhood after evening programs.

For identification the guards have been given jackets and lapel tags showing their names and pictures. But they do not wear police-style uniforms.

Nor do they carry guns or billy clubs, or have access to any kind of weapons, Mr. Feke says. He recognizes that may put the men themselves in some danger — "I wouldn't want to be in here alone at night without a weapon — considers it important to avoid any kind of repressive atmosphere."

The most disturbing thing about the security program, Mr. Feke says, is

the cost. "I hate to spend that kind of money on protection that could go into programs," he remarks.

While Riverside has a 1971 budget of about \$1.8 million, and will get the larger part of that from income on its endowment, mostly given by the late John D. Rockefeller, Jr., inflation has created financial pressures for the church.

Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptists Name Education Director

HARRISBURG, Pa. (BP) — The Executive Board of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania - South Jersey elected Larry Lewis, pastor of Delaware Valley Baptist Church in Willingboro, N. J., as the convention's religious education director.

The action came in the first meeting of the Executive Board since the convention began operating officially as the 32nd Baptist state convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Joe Waltz is executive secretary.

Drug Abuse To Be Emphasized At Moral Concerns Conferences

Due to the extreme interest in the drug problem, "Drug Abuse" will be the primary emphasis of the special Moral Concerns Conferences yet to be sponsored by the Christian Action Commission, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, who leads the clinics.

A testimony will be given by an ex-drug user and facts will be presented about drug abuse and misuse in Mississippi.

The conferences are to be held as follows:

Winona, First Baptist Church, Feb. 8; Columbus, First, Feb. 9; Indianola, First, Feb. 15; Clarksdale, Clarksdale Church, Feb. 16; Natchez, First, Feb. 18; Hattiesburg, Temple, Friday, Feb. 19.

Each conference will be held from 7:00-9:00 p. m. Parents, church leaders, youth, educators and law enforcement people are especially invited.

Cancer researchers from the Veterans Administration hospital in East Orange, N. J. and the American Cancer Society have evidence that proves cigarette smoking causes cell damage in the larynx, or voice box. Dr. Oscar Auerbach, senior medical investigator at the hospital and pathologist at New York Medical College, listed these findings: All of the 519 men in the study who smoked at least one pack of cigarettes a day had cell damage in some part of the larynx.



Spring Semester Begins

In the Sanders Library at Clarke College, students registered for the second semester on Jan. 26. Dr. W. L. Compere, president, states that the activity was completed in almost-record time. Members of the Clarke BSU, under the direction of Rev. J. B. Costlow, contributed much to the good mood of faculty, staff, and students involved in registration by serving refreshments throughout the day. Eighteen new students joined those already enrolled.

"Rain Makes Me Sad" Wins Grand Prize, 1970 Royal Ambassador Photo Contest

"Rain Makes Me Sad," a photograph taken by Ron Mobley of Kobe, Japan, has won the grand prize in the 1970 Royal Ambassador Photo Contest, according to the February, 1971 issues of Crusader and Probe, Royal Ambassador magazines.

The magazines also named 13 other

Mobley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion A. Mobley, missionaries to Japan, also won a second prize in the Pioneer Scenes category. His grand prize photo shows a small Japanese boy looking sad while holding an umbrella in the rain.

First places were awarded for three

categories in each age group. Pioneer first place winners were Wayne Keith, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, people and animals; Jeff Powers, Boone, North Carolina, scenes; and Doug Laudenslager, Grandview, Missouri, RA activities.

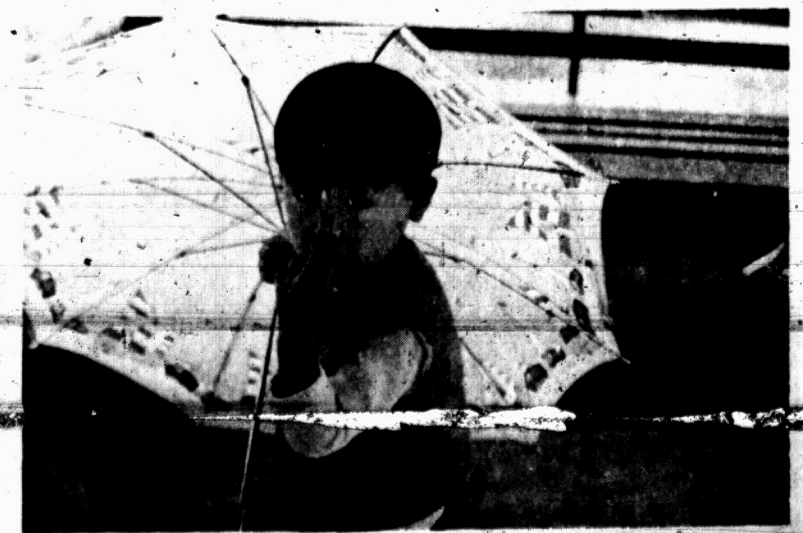
Winning first places among RA activities were: Coby Davis, Oklahoma, people and animals; Coby Davis, Crowley, Louisiana, scenes; and Billy Overton, Dickinson, Texas, RA activities.

Pioneers winning second prizes were Jimmy Spivey, Wilmington, North Carolina, people and animals; Mich-

ael Williams, Strongsville, Ohio, scenes; and David Yandle, Durham, North Carolina, RA activities.

Third places went to Warren Chang of Houston, Texas, people and animals; and Tim Larkey, Winchester, Kentucky, scenes.

There were more than 50 entries in the contest from 15 states, Japan, and Thailand.



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Atlanta Baptist Association Retains College, Property; Continues School

ATLANTA (BP)—Ownership of Atlanta Baptist College's property here will remain with the Atlanta Baptist Association rather than being given to the Georgia Baptist Convention, and the financially-struggling school will continue to operate, at least for the present.

This is essentially the meaning of actions taken during a stormy three-

hour meeting of the Atlanta Baptist Association Executive Committee here in mid-January.

During the session, the executive committee received a formal proposal from trustees of the college to give all school assets to the Georgia Baptist Convention, with a request that the executive committee call a special session of the association to give

official approval to the transfer.

Trustees pointed out that the three-year-old school, which has less than 300 students, cannot operate beyond June of this year without incurring major new indebtedness, or without selling off additional pieces of its valuable 600-acre tract of land.

The Georgia Baptist Convention voted last November to accept title to the property "if and when such an offer were to be made by the Atlanta association," with the possibility of the state convention developing a major Baptist center housing many Baptist enterprises there.

But, when the trustee proposal was presented to the associational executive committee, C. Douglas Jackson immediately rose to present a lengthy substitute motion hoping to block the transfer.

Jackson, pastor of First Baptist Church in East Point, Ga., proposed that the Atlanta association "retain sponsorship of the college and that the college be continued, even though this may require a severe reduction in expense in order to match income, and a reorganization of the administration and the trustees of the college."

Jackson's substitute motion also specified "that no further consideration be given to the transfer of the properties, the sponsorship or the control of the Atlanta Baptist College to the Georgia Baptist Convention," and "that no need exists on this account for the calling of a special session of the Atlanta Baptist Association."

Bitter debate ensued for more than two hours before Jackson's substitute motion passed by a vote of 53 to 34.

Supporters of Jackson's motion argued that the college had not been properly promoted among Atlanta Baptist churches, and that the association could operate it more satisfactorily than the state convention could. They also wanted the convention to give written guarantees that the college would continue to operate under convention control.

Dumas Calls Pastor

Dumas Church, Tippah County, has called Rev. Billy W. Baker as pastor. Mr. Baker moved to Dumas after serving over two years as pastor of Providence Church, Tippah County.

A native of Calhoun City, he graduated from Clarke College and Elm Mountain College.

He is married to the former Rebecca Morgan of Vardaman, who is presently employed at the People's Bank, Ripley. They have two children: Diana Carol, 7, and Michael Dewayne, 6.

Names In The News

Mrs. Barbara Lowe, of Pearl, has been named "Miss Gilroy School of Nursing" in the annual "Who's Who" balloting by students of the school at Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Mrs. Lowe, the wife of Hulon Lowe, Pearl, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bean, Columbia, is president of the school's student body and also president of its senior class.

Frank Horton, a native of Drew, was recently elected to serve as president of the Louisiana Alumni for Southwestern Seminary. Prior to his work as Baptist Student Director for Louisiana State University, he served in a similar capacity for Mississippi State University and Mississippi College. He is the son of Mrs. Dee Horton of Drew.

Larry B. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bass Henderson, recently surrendered his life to the full gospel ministry. A graduate of R. H. Watkins High School of Laurel, he is now a student at Jones County Junior College. "He is a dedicated Christian, and a loyal member of the Plainway Church of Laurel," states his pastor, Rev. Harold C. Ishee.

Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, was Bible leader-evangelist for the Mid-Winter Bible Festival held January 17-22 at Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Montana. Rev. Robert Wall, pastor.

Bill Brown has been elected president of World Wide Pictures, producers of Billy Graham films. The announcement was made by Dr. Billy Graham, chairman of the World Wide Pictures' Board of Directors, and Vice Chairman Cliff Barrows who formerly served as president. World Wide Pictures, located in the heart of the film industry in Burbank, Calif., has produced nearly 100 films including a documentary on Israel titled "His Land," as well as feature dramatic films such as "For Pete's Sake," "Two A Penny," and "The Restless Ones." Over 90 representatives show the films in theaters and churches across the United States as well as in 76 foreign countries. The films have been dubbed into 12 languages. For the past 14 years, Brown's work has been that of directing Crusades for the evangelistic in major cities throughout the world.

Broadman salesman John Holt was named Star Salesman of the Year during the recent sales conference. Holt, who serves accounts in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana, more than doubled his sales goal for the year ending September 30.

On Jan. 17, Ashland Church ordained to the gospel ministry Rev. James Joseph Antry, youth pastor of Byram Church, Hinds Association, and Rev. James D. Briggs, Sr., pastor of Mt. View Church, Tippah Association. Rev. Billy E. Burney is pastor of Ashland Church. Rev. James Antry is on left of picture above and Rev. James Briggs is on right.

Rev. Jack O. Duckworth has accepted the pastorate at Mount Horeb Church, Collins. He was ordained by the Mount Horeb Church on October 14, 1970. In February, he will resume his studies at William Carey College. He, his wife, and son are living on the church field.

William W. Graves, missionary to Argentina, was elected by the Foreign Mission Board on Jan. 14 to be field representative for the Caribbean area, effective March 1. As field representative Graves will be a personal link between the board and its missionaries in the Bahamas, Bermuda, Dominican Republic, French West Indies, Guyana, Jamaica, Surinam and Trinidad. Seventy-nine missionaries are currently under assignment to those countries. Graves has been stationed in Posadas, Argentina, since 1966 as area missionary for 22 Baptist congregations, whose members are of German, Russian and Argentine descent, in Misiones Province. He has been pastor of the Russian-Argentine Baptist church in Posadas since 1967. He and his wife studied language in Germany for several months in 1965.

Dr. Allen Graves, Dean of the School of Religious Education and Director of Development for Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., (left) is greeted by Kaye Wallace, Slaughter, La., president of the Blue Mountain College BSU, and the BSU director, Rev. Robert Sugg, on the occasion of a special assembly address and conference period with BMC students interested in attending the seminary after graduation from Blue Mountain. Miss Wallace served during the 1970 summer as Mississippi's BSU missionary to Guam. Two of Dr. and Mrs. Graves' daughters are alumnae of BMC.

Highland Church, Meridian, Rev. Jack W. Elliott, pastor, has adopted the following resolution: "Deacon Johnny Rogers and his wife, Dan, were faithful members of the Highland Church, Meridian, for 26 years and whereas they brought joy to the lives of all whom they came in contact and whereas they served their Lord faithfully doing a multitude of needed tasks and doing them all well, and whereas they have recently moved to Tucson, Ariz., be it therefore resolved that we the members of the Highland Church, express to the Rogers our undying love for them and appreciation for all that they meant to our fellowship."



Highland Presents Spanish Bibles To Mitchell

Highland Church, Crystal Springs presented Spanish Bibles to Larry and Norma Mitchell, center and right, above, who are students at the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute, San Antonio, Texas. After graduation they will minister to Spanish-speaking people. Larry, a licensed minister, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mitchell, Crystal Springs. The couple has one son, Santiago. Rev. Russell Cottingham, pastor at Highland, is shown presenting the Bible.

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Leaders From Across Nation Invited To Cooperative Program Fellowship Luncheon

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Southern Baptist leaders from across the nation will meet here February 23 for a Cooperative Program Fellowship Luncheon designed to challenge Southern Baptists to achieve a "bold new breakthrough" in promoting the Cooperative Program of world mission support.

Dr. Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the featured speaker at the luncheon, held in conjunction with the semi-annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Michael L. Speer, director of Co-

operative Program promotion for the SBC Stewardship Commission which is sponsoring the luncheon, said that about 250 Baptist leaders had indicated plans to attend.

In addition to the members of the SBC Executive Committee, invitations have been sent to state executive secretaries, editors, stewardship secretaries, foundation executives, and heads of all SBC agencies.

Theme for the luncheon will be "Committed to World Missions." It will be held at the Grand Ball Room of the Hermitage Hotel, 12:00 noon, February 23.

True history seeks to record and interpret, not to reform. — B. F. Smith in Christian Baptism, a Broadman book

As an archaeologist carefully removes layers of debris so that he may recover an artifact whole, so the historian uncovers facts with as little injury as possible to the truth that lies behind them. — B. F. Smith in Christian Baptism, a Broadman book

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Jesus Teaches That One Important Condition Of Effective Prayer Is Persistence

By Clifton J. Allen
Luke 11:5-13; 18:1-8

Prayer was supremely central in the human experience of Jesus. It claimed a prior place in his ministry. His times of prayer were surely periods of heavenly fellowship with the heavenly Father and sources of courage and power for crises of decision and ministry. Therefore, Jesus' teaching about prayer sprang from his own experience and from his perfect knowledge of the needs of men. In this lesson we are to learn about persistence in prayer. In the lesson for a week hence we shall consider the need for humility in prayer. Our concern in the study of both lessons should be a deepened understanding of what is involved in prayer in order to achieve a richer experience in the practice of prayer.

The Lesson Explained
God's Loving Readiness
Verses 11:5-13
Quite naturally, Jesus' parable of the person who came to a friend at

midnight to ask for bread served to illustrate that one condition of effective prayer is persistence (see vv. 5-10). Now Jesus used another illustration. A father will not mock or disappoint a son by giving a serpent instead of a fish or a scorpion instead of an egg, when a son asks for food. A father responds appropriately. To act otherwise would be utterly out of character with fatherhood. Fathers, though subject to human weakness affected by the selfishness and perversity of evil, are quite ready to give good gifts to their children. How much more, then, the heavenly Father — without any evil, being perfect in love, and having perfect understanding of the needs of his children — will give the Holy Spirit to those who earnestly desire to receive his blessing. The emphasis throughout these verses is on God's loving readiness to give, but not apart from the earnest desire of his children to receive. Persistence in asking is not essential to persuading God, but it is absolutely essential to preparing oneself to receive the blessing which God wants to give.

God's Wise Reluctance
Verses 18:1-8
God's character is in no sense like

that of the unjust judge. Nothing could be further from the truth. The purpose of the parable was to teach that people ought to persist in their praying, not lose heart. Jesus' words do not mean pray all the time but not give up in praying. Now consider the situation. The judge was utterly unscrupulous, without reverence for God or compassion for man. A widow, obviously poor and defenseless, had suffered some injustice. She had no recourse other than to keep on coming to the judge, pleading her case and pleading for vindication. Her plight made no impression and evoked no sympathy. But her persistence wore him out — though the phrase "weary me" can mean "give me a black eye" and could mean that the judge feared violence. Either to get rid of her, or because of fear, the judge responded to the widow's plea.

Jesus made the application. God will surely avenge his elect, that is, he will grant mercy and help to those who come to him with persistence or with unwillingness to give up, so earnest are they in desire for blessing or in desperate need for help. His reluctance is the expression of his wis-

dom, not to give help until the one asking is prepared to receive, to receive with gratitude, to receive with a sense of stewardship, and to receive with greater faith in God who gives so willingly and so abundantly and so graciously.

Some Lessons On Prayer
Prayer, essentially, is seeking the Lord, not seeking something from him. It is opening one's mind and heart to him and yielding oneself to him in holy communion. Thus prayer is involvement with God the Father. On this basis, we can make our confession to God, address our petitions to God, and plead for God's mercy and help. God does not have to be persuaded to listen. He does not have to be approached with continual nagging for some self-centered request. He knows perfectly our need. And he knows also how easily we could be spoiled by his giving us what we do not need or giving us what we need before we are ready to receive his blessing. God's delays in granting help may seem endless, but the seeming is due to our impatience and our unwillingness to wait upon the Lord and to trust. The lesson we need to learn is to keep on praying, without losing

heart, knowing that God's gifts are measured by his goodness, and are expressions of his love.

Truths to Live By
Through the practice of prayer we grow toward maturity. — In prayer we come to see ourselves in the light of God's purpose for us. We discover ourselves as we really are, for nothing can be hid from God. Pretense and sham have to be given up. Our true self-image is generated by seeing ourselves through God's perfect knowledge of us. We thus have to be honest with ourselves and honest with God. We see not only our weakness, and perhaps our failure, and certainly our unworthiness, but we see our worth in the sight of God, our worth according to his grace, and what we can become through his mercy and forgiveness and strength. This seeing ourselves as God sees us, seeing ourselves in relation to his purpose, and yielding ourselves to his cleansing and renewal and encouragement helps us to grow in every aspect of Christian stature.

Prayer calls for the investment of spiritual energy and strong desire. — God must be taken seriously. Therefore, in prayer one must be serious,

sincere, earnest, spiritually sensitive, and caught up with some feeling of what is at stake in a person-to-person encounter with the Almighty, with God as Father-Savior-Lord. With this understanding of what prayer is, our confession of sin will be marked by intense contribution. Our praise will be marked by genuine enthusiasm. Our intercession for other persons will be marked by self-giving compassion. And our yearning for the purposes of God will be marked by a yearning that is all-consuming. This is the way in which we ought to pray. We enter into such oneness with God that we hold nothing back.

The gift of the Spirit is God's best gift. — When God gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask him with faith and earnestness, he is giving himself. He is giving his best. There is oneness, in the Godhead. Therefore, the gift of the Spirit includes the gift of the Father and the Son. The gift of the Spirit means the gift of life and truth and holiness and power. The gift of the Spirit is the gift of wisdom, of peace, of comfort, and of hope. How willingly the heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask for his blessing with sincerity and trust!

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Philip Of Bethsaida: A Disciple Slow To Learn, Yet One With A Questioning Mind

John 6:5-14; 12:20-22; 14:6-11
By Bill Duncan

Philip was a native of Bethsaida, a small fishing village where five apostles lived until Jesus called them. His name is Greek but apparently he was a Jew with a deep belief. The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus found Philip. This retiring man was seen by Jesus to be a person of worth and ability. When Jesus found him, he invited Philip to become a disciple. After the example of An-

drew, Philip invited Nathanael to become a disciple. All Philip said to Nathanael was, "I believe Jesus is the Messiah. You ask whether any good can come out of Nazareth? All I can say to you is come and see for yourself." He too called Him, Master.

Tradition says that Philip worked at the trade of repairing coaches and chariots in the hometown. We do not hear much of Philip after the death of Jesus. But he reminds us that there are some who have questioning minds. This person reminds us that Jesus wants to use people of all kinds of ability. No one is unimportant to Christ.

Philip had a questioning mind. It could have been that he asked questions that should not have been asked among the disciples. Yet he was unafraid of what the others might say about him in his search for the truth. There is much that we do not know. We can never know unless we put ourselves in a position of learning. Ignorance is no sign of spirituality. I have known some people who always seem to ask the wrong questions at the wrong time. Yet the patience of the teacher proved success where these learned truth and manners. All the disciples were learners. We are all learners too.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand
John 6:5-14
It seems that the miracle was performed for the sake of the disciples. The answer to a question by Philip about buying bread for the multitude, carries this comment, "and this he (Jesus) said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do." The coming of the large crowd gave Jesus an opportunity to teach something of God's purpose and power. Speaking to Philip, he raised the question of buying bread that these people could have something to eat. Philip's reply was that if they spent everything they had it would not be enough. Jesus took what food was available and thanked God for the little and multiplied the food until the crowd had as much to eat as they wanted. The miracle seemed to strengthen the faith of Philip and the other disciples as well.

We too need to learn the miracle that people are more important than things. Jesus demonstrated that living successfully according to God's will is more important than "being a success." Philip needed to learn that a building the treasure is not as impor-

tant as loving people. It took a miracle to show Philip a lesson, but it is one that we can learn from also.

The Visit of the Greeks
The hometown of Bethsaida had a large Greek population. The name of Philip was Greek and maybe friendship or his name attracted the attention of the Greeks to him.

These Greeks who wanted to see Jesus most likely were worshipping in Jerusalem and were familiar with the meaning of Jewish faith. Perhaps they were pleased that he had driven the traders from the Gentile area of the temple and wanted to know more of a man who could do things like that.

It is obvious that Philip did not know what to do with them and so he went to Jesus. Andrew had discovered one thing about Jesus. He would never turn one seeking soul away. Philip might have been slow to learn that Jesus was the Saviour of the whole world. The Greek presented a problem of nationality. But Jesus was not prejudiced against nations or races. The only difference Jesus ever saw in people was "saved" and "unsaved."

We must understand that Philip and Andrew did go to the Saviour with the Greek. Once Philip saw the truth he acted upon it. The slow learners did learn something.

John 14:6-11
This overall passage tells us that Thomas doubted but Philip was not satisfied. "Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us" (v. 8). If the disciple could just see the Father, Philip felt that would be enough to content them. Yet, Jesus is God himself. They have seen the Father working before their eyes with Jesus. The works were the best proof that God was within him.

Many are like Philip; they are looking for a proof of God's Fatherhood and it is all around them. God's care is always present. Love of God the Father is always upon us. Some are always looking for a proof. It takes faith to see the Father working in our world. The works of God are with us. God is with us in the Holy Spirit.

Philip had to learn the relationship between the Father and the Son. We too need to learn that we can have the power of God in our works if we have the Son as Lord in our lives.

BMC To Sponsor Focus Week Feb. 15-19

Blue Mountain College observes "Focus Week" in February of each five-year period. Rev. Robert Suggs, Baptist Student Union director of the college, has announced that the 1971 Focus Week, arranged by students and college officials, will be observed February 15-19.

Serving as Campus Chairman of eleven special Focus Week Committees is Linda Hackett of Washington, D.C., a senior.

Other students serving as Committee Chairmen are: Program, Susan Sewell, Pontotoc; Faculty, Audrey Snow, Collierville, Tenn.; Publicity, Linda Atkinson, Jackson; Classroom Visitation, Jill McGinnis, Memphis; Hospitality, Vicky Herrington, Rayville, La.; Arrangements, Judy Brown, Bruce; Spiritual Preparation, Marilyn Schaefer, Nashville, Tenn.; Social, Genie Henderson, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Music, Kitty Sanders,

Slayden, and Gene Gillis, Columbus; Seminar, Teresa Collins, Corinth.

Visiting Focus Week team members will be: Milton Hughes, Secretary of Student Ministry, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; Coordinator for the BMC Focus Week of 1971; Peggy Jean Ziggler, Dean of Women, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Mary Gellerstedt, director of youth education, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Grady Butt, professional entertainer, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. Robert Marsh, pastor, First Church, Laurel; Dr. J. David Van Landingham, M.D., outstanding physician, Jackson; and O. R. Carter, geologist (partner in firm of Atwater, Cowan, Carter, Miller and Miller and Heffner), New Orleans, La.

Baptist Broadcasts In Arabic Heard Throughout Middle East

BEIRUT (BP)—Baptist radio programs in the Arabic language are now being heard throughout the Middle East, in the Mediterranean areas of North Africa, and as far east as Saudi Arabia, a Southern Baptist missionary here reported.

The programs are being broadcast from the Cyprus Broadcasting Corp., in Nicosia, Cyprus, according to SBC Missionary William T. (Pete) Dunn, director of the Baptist recording studio in Beirut.

Dunn said that new air time has been secured through cooperation with several evangelical groups who joined together to buy 15 minutes every evening this year on the medium wave station.

Baptists are supplying materials for the first 52 broadcasts, which began in late December.

The 52 programs are composed of

two series. The first, "Word Pictures of Jesus," includes 26 personality studies of Christ, written by Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller, SBC missionary to Lebanon. The second, "The Man Called Jesus," is a series of 26 plays by J. B. Phillips, famed Bible translator and author of best-selling books.

The programs are broadcast each evening at 10:30 between two sessions of secular music. They were arranged by the efforts of the Middle East Communicators Fellowship, an organization created by several evangelical broadcasters for the purpose of obtaining cheaper rates, sharing research materials and solving problems.

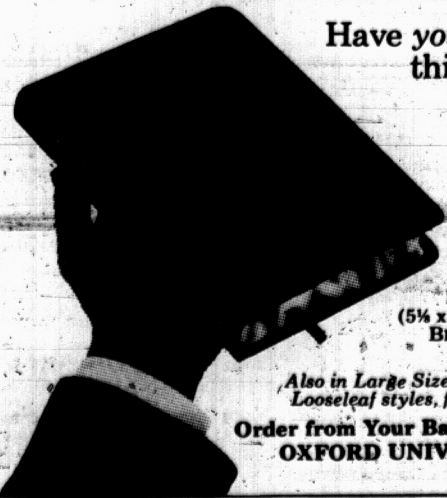
Dunn reported that because of lack of funds, plans have been canceled for Arabic broadcasts over Trans-World Radio, located in Monte Carlo, Monaco and Far East Broadcasting Company transmitters in the Seychelles Islands.

All assembly periods of Blue Mountain's Focus Week will be held at 10 a.m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, Monday, February 15 - Friday, February 19. The public is invited.

Seminars will be held each afternoon at 4 p.m., and open forums will be held at 7 p.m. in the Paschal Student Center. Interested people of the area are invited to attend these also. Student dormitory discussions will be held at 9 p.m. throughout the week.

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Crawford Adams, MD, Vanderbilt University Medical School

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Eve Martin Lohmann, Los Angeles Herald Examiner

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"Pat Boone communicates the redeeming love of Christ and the acceptance of persons as they are, which is at the heart of a redemptive ministry."
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Strayhorn (Tate) Breaks Ground

Strayhorn Church, Tate County, observed a special ground-breaking service, Sunday, Jan. 24, in preparation for their new education building. Dennis Conniff, architectural consultant, State S. S. Dept., has been working with the pastor and Building Committee on plans for this new addition. Construction is to start immediately, and will provide new classrooms, restrooms, and a fellowship hall and kitchen. The building is to be done by Frank Campbell and Sons, members of the church. Above, front row, with some of the group present for the special service in background, are Rev. Cecil Cole, pastor; Frank Campbell, builder; James Rhodes, with shovel; Ch. of Bldg. Committee; Ben Ashe, Warner Howell, and Jack Houston, members of Bldg. Committee. Rev. Ervin Brown, superintendent of missions, DeSoto County, and foster missionary for Tate Association, preached the dedication message.

Service To Southern Baptists Spans 46 Years

NASHVILLE — Chester P. Ellis, supervisor of the order filling-mailing section of the church literature department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been helping churches minister for nearly 46 years.

That's how long Ellis will have been working for the board when he retires Jan. 31.

Most of his time with the board has been spent supervising shipping and mailing operations at the board — seeing to it that churches get the literature they need to minister at the time they need it. Ellis lists his part in the board's ministry as his reason for staying with the board through the years.

"I feel that what little I have contributed during my 46 plus years has helped spread the gospel," he said. "I'm sure our literature has helped churches minister and witness to people, and I feel like our conscientious filling and handling of orders and get-

ting it out to the churches and individuals who need it has helped that ministry."

"I've also enjoyed my work because of what the board stands for," Ellis added.

"The board is here to get literature and other materials out to the people for the purpose of winning the lost to Christ, and that makes what we do important. We can have a part in winning lost people to Christ through what we do here," he said.

Ellis came to the board in 1925 as a lad of 16.

"My first job was opening boxes of books in merchandise reserve to be placed in stock," he said.

He worked in the old "shipping building" (now the board's north wing) from 1925 to 1957. At that time, many of the board's offices still were located in the Executive Building—now the Frost Building.

It was in 1941 that Ellis was pro-

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention named two Little Rock pastors to head a three-year promotional campaign aimed at bolstering giving trends among Baptist churches in the state.

The campaign would provide support for the Cooperative Program unified plan of giving, and capital

need funds for the convention's two colleges, Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, and Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Named to head the campaign were W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church here and Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, serving as co-chairman.

As endorsed by the state convention last November, the campaign will emphasize the Cooperative Program in 1971, Ouachita University in 1972, and Southern Baptist College in 1973. In other action, the board voted to create a new department of work called the Stewardship - Cooperative Program department, and voted to employ a full-time department head.

Charles Ashcraft, executive secretary of the convention, said he hopes to have a recommendation for the new position soon.

The stewardship promotion assignment has in the past been handled by either an associate to the executive secretary, or by the annuity secretary in addition to other responsibilities.

New Computer System Becomes Nerve Center Of MC Operations

A series of impersonal, blue and tan machines located in a basement room of Self Hall at Mississippi College have become the "nerve center" of almost all college operations.

"They sit there day after day, spitting out information at unbelievable speed on subjects ranging from payroll to final grades."

The room? It's the Computer Center.

The machines? They are the ones that compose the new IBM 1130 computer system recently installed.

The enlarged 1130 system replaces the much used, but inadequate, 1620 system which had been in operation for the last several years.

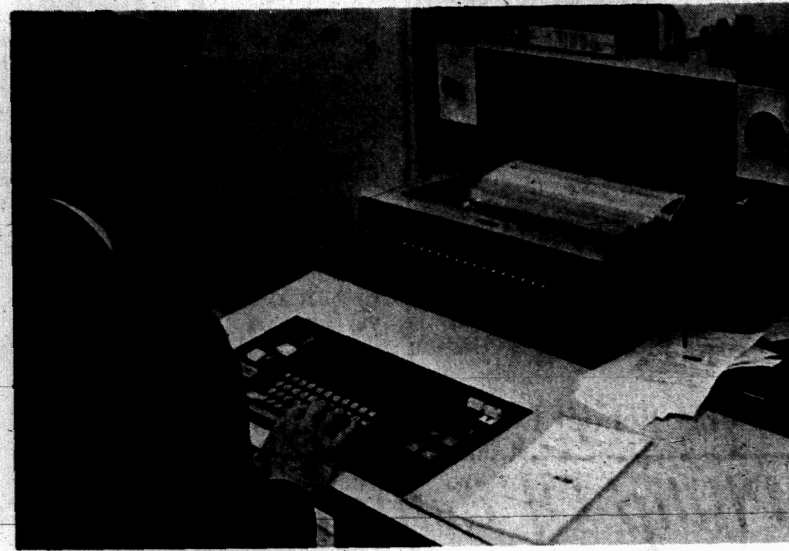
According to Ted Smith, director of the Computer Center, the new system, composed of five separate pieces of equipment — console, disc storage,

card reader, printer, and multi plexer — has many advantages over the old 1620.

First, it has a greater number of programming languages available so that the programmer can perform a greater variety of operations. This was much needed since more and more work from various areas of the college are being channeled into the center.

Through the use of "discs," a greater memory storage is provided in the new system. The operation is similar to recording tape, two of which can be used at a time, providing a total of over a million "bytes" of memory storage as compared with only twenty thousand "bytes" in the 1620 system.

Not only does it have a larger capacity, the 1130 also operates at a speed five times faster than its pre-



NEW COMPUTER — Ted Smith, director of the Mississippi College Computer Center, works at the console of the new 1130 IBM system recently installed at the college. The system, composed of five machines, replaces the 1620 used for the past several years. It will be used not only for college operations, but also for teaching purposes and research by a number of academic departments.—(M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

decessor. The printer produces data at a rate of 210 120-character lines per minute.

The new system also has greater compatibility with other systems and as indicated can accept a greater variety of programming languages, such as RPG, Fortran IV, COBOL, PL-1, and APL.

All departments, both administrative and academic, are benefiting from the new apparatus. It has taken over many of the chores once performed by individuals and the question that usually comes up is, "How did we ever get along without it?"

Installation has resulted in an expanded computer curriculum, with an RPG course being taught in the business department this coming semester. The mathematics department is offering Digital Computer Program-

ming and Fortran. Other courses could be forthcoming.

In addition to the business and mathematics departments, the physics and psychology departments are also implementing the equipment into their teaching and research areas. Other departments are expected to follow suit.

There are no immediate expansion plans for the Computer Center at present, but there's one thing for sure. Those impersonal blue and tan machines will be spitting out more and more information for more and more departments and individuals as time moves on.

The only recorded attempt by Jesus to interpret baptism to his followers is that of his own baptism.—B. F. Smith in *Christian Baptism*, a Broadman book

Devotional

Another Four Letter Word

By Joe N. McKeever, Minister of Evangelism, First Church, Jackson

Text: "Being knit together in love" (Colossians 2:2)

In his best-selling book, *THE SELLING OF THE PRESIDENT* 1968, Joe McGinnis tells of a political commercial which an advertising agency made for the Nixon campaign. The one-minute film depicted the candidate's views on Viet Nam while it showed various war scenes. The final scene showed a soldier wearing a helmet with the word "LOVE" scrawled across the front.

After the commercial was shown several times, there was public reaction against the shot of the soldier wearing "LOVE" on his helmet. "Too hippie-ish," some said. Others said, "That's no word for a soldier to wear into battle." So the film was recalled and the soldier was edited out.

A few days later the Nixon forces received a letter from the mother of the soldier. She just wanted to thank them for using her son's picture. Her letter was signed: "MRS. WILLIAM LOVE."

We've known all along that love was a four-letter word; we've only recently seen it considered offensive.

The Bible makes some drastic claims for that word. Speaking of the highest, noblest kind, John says, "God is love." Not the easy, promiscuous kind of so-called love that demands all but gives nothing, but the Christ-like love that gives of itself even at the risk of being unreturned. That kind of love has power!

That kind of love is like glue. It holds things together. Things like homes and churches and friendships. The Phillips translation of Colossians 2:2 reads, "Find out more and more how strong are the bonds of Christian love."

How many broken homes and split churches could have been saved through the presence of Christian love! How many lost people could have been led to Christ had the local church had less bickering and more Christian love!

Where to find such love? From God Himself. According to Galatians 5:22 it's the first fruit of the Spirit.



Dr. Swor Visits Blue Mountain College

Dr. Chester E. Swor, nationally known lecturer, youth counselor, author, and Christian leader, is a frequent guest speaker at Blue Mountain College and a welcome guest in Stevens Dormitory Guest Suite when he is on campus. Dr. Swor holds the H.H.D. degree from the College. On his most recent visit to BMC, he was invited to have coffee just before leaving. Left to right: Dianne Patterson of Clarksdale, a freshman; Dr. Swor; and Miss Marian Leavell, hostess in Stevens Hall. Dr. Swor and Miss Leavell have been serving young people of many areas and especially in the Mississippi Baptist Convention area for a number of years — she as BSU director of the University of Mississippi for 36 years, and he as Dean of Men at Mississippi College, in addition to their many other responsibilities in other areas. Dr. Swor will visit BMC again in March to participate in special activities.

SOUTHERN HILLS, JACKSON, CALLS YOUTH DIRECTOR

Ronald James Tullos, (pictured), a native of Jackson, has accepted the call from Southern Hills Baptist Church, also in Jackson, as youth director and assistant music director.

Ron Tullos is a graduate of Province High School and attended two years at Hinds Junior College as a music major. He is presently at Mississippi College as a junior majoring in Church Music. Rev. David T. Cranford is pastor.

He has held many leadership positions in churches down through the years.

Summer Youth Program Workshop Will Be Held May 7-9 At Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Approximately two hundred persons are expected to register for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's third annual "Summer Youth Program Workshop," to be held here May 7-9.

Sponsored by the seminary's School of Religious Education, the workshop provides insight and practical help for both church staff and lay workers with youth.

Frank Hart Smith and Leon Mitchell from the Church Recreation Department at the SBC Sunday School

Montana Church Has "One Real Problem"

The following paragraph was taken from a letter recently received from Johnny Norwood, pastor of the Baptist church in Lewistown, Montana.

"God is blessing us marvelously here in Lewistown. When we arrived on June 21 there were 3 active families—5 members. Now we are averaging in the 40's in attendance for the past 4 months. Our only real problem now is a building debt that the church has been unable to make a payment on in over a year."

Don't expect to enjoy life if you keep your milk of human kindness all bottled up.

1st, Bruce, Calls Pastor

Rev. L. E. (Ed) Gandy is the new pastor of First Church, Bruce. Pastor of West Ellisville Church before moving to Bruce, he was very active in the work of Jones County Association, and was pastor advisor and advising committee member of the BSU at Jones County Junior College.

Mr. Gandy is a graduate of Mississippi College, and of the New Orleans Seminary from which he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree in January of 1966.

Other Mississippi pastorates have been South 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, and Philadelphia Church in Lincoln Association.

Off The Record

He Wins
A sailor in a good mood entered the barracks and called out, "I'll give a dollar to the laziest man here." Everyone scrambled to his feet, and rushed forward to tell how lazy he was except one tall Texan. He drawled, "Just roll me over and slip it in my pocket."

Different Paths
Two ministers of different faiths were the best of friends, but often disagreed on religious issues. One day they had been arguing a little more than usual, on some theological point, when one of them said: "That's all right. We'll just agree to disagree. The thing that counts is that we're both doing the Lord's work... you in your way, and I in His."

Pretty Dull
The teacher had taken her pupils for a trip through the Museum of Natural History.

"Well, Elmer," asked father when the boy returned, "where did you go with your teacher this afternoon?"

"Huh," replied Elmer with disdain, "we went to a dead circus."

Every man needs a wife for so many things go wrong that cannot be blamed on the government.

Real Treat

A tourist, traveling through the Texas Panhandle, got into a conversation with an old settler and his son at a filling station. "Looks like we might have rain," said the tourist.

"Well, I hope so," replied the native, "not so much for myself as for my boy here. I've seen rain."

New Procedure

The young intern from Texas was watching a nurse in a mid-Eastern hospital put an identification bracelet on a baby.

"In Texas we..." he began in a superior manner.

"Don't tell me," the nurse interrupted wearily. "I know, in Texas you brand them."

Some people are willing to give the Lord credit—but no cash.

Most men believe that a woman's place is in the home. They expect to find her there immediately after she gets off work.

Good supervision is the art of getting average people to do superior work.

Dallas, First, Names Technical Director

DALLAS (BP)—Jack E. Bird, a Baptist public relations director here, has accepted a newly created position as director of technical services and communications at First Baptist Church of Dallas.

Bird, director of public relations and communications at Buckner Baptist Benevolence here since 1963, will direct the radio, television and audio-visual programs of the Southern Baptist Convention's largest church and develop methods for use of television in teaching and training programs.

Future plans call for the development of TV Bible study and training aids on video tape cassettes. With the projected nationwide use of TV cassette players, these would be designed for use in individual homes.

Chairman of the church's technical services committee for the past 15 years, Bird, a deacon at First Baptist, will also institute a program to train technical volunteers.



FIRST PLACE
Youth Choir
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THIRD PLACE
Pound of Pop
Daniel, Jackson



SECOND PLACE
Youth Choir
1st, Greenville



FOURTH PLACE
Chapel Choir
1st, Pontotoc

State Youth Choral Festival Winners

Pictured above are the winners of the State Youth Choral Festival which was held in conjunction with the State Youth Convention at Calvary Church, Jackson, December 28-29. They are: First Place, Youth Choir, FBC, Hattiesburg, under the direction of James Hayes; Second Place, Youth Choir, First Church, Greenville, under the direction of Kenneth Forbus; Third Place, Pound of Pop, Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, under the direction of Billy Jack Green; and Fourth Place, Chapel Choir, First Church, Pontotoc, under the direction of Mrs. Levon Moore.